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**BEGUN AND HELD**

**AT THE CITY OF WASHINGTON,**

**SEPTEMBER 19, 1814,**

**AND IN THE THIRTY-NINTH YEAR OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE SAID UNITED STATES.**

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# CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES.

**THE** Third Session of the Thirteenth Congress, conformably to the proclamation of the President of the United States of the 8th of August last, commenced this day at the city of Washington; and the Senate assembled.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1814.**

## PRESENT,

From the State of Massachusetts	the Honorable	Joseph B. Varnum.
Rhode Island	the Honorable	Jeremiah B. Howell.
Vermont	the Honorable	Jonathan Robinson.
Pennsylvania,	the Honorable	{ Abner Lacock, and
Delaware,	the Honorable	{ Jonathan Roberts.
Virginia,	the Honorable	{ Outerbridge Horsey.
North Carolina	the Honorable	{ Richard Brent, and
South Carolina,	the Honorable	{ William B. Giles.
Georgia,	the Honorable	James Turner.
Kentucky,	the Honorable	John Gaillard.
Tennessee	the Honorable	Charles Tait.
Ohio,	the Honorable	the Honorable Jesse Bledsoe.
Louisiana,	the Honorable	{ Joseph Anderson, and
		{ Jesse Wharton.
		{ Jeremiah Morrow, and
		{ Thomas Worthington.
		{ James Brown, and
		{ Elius Fromentin.

The Honorable JOHN GAILLARD, President pro tempore, resumed the chair.

The Honorable Thomas W. Thompson, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the state of New Hampshire, in place of the Honorable Nicholas Gilman, deceased, produced his credentials, which were read; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to him, and he took his seat in the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Bledsoe,

*Resolved*, As the former Secretary of the Senate has departed this life, that the Chief Clerk do act as Secretary thereof, until one shall be appointed.

Whereupon,

The oath prescribed by law was administered to Samuel Turner, jr.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary acquaint the House of Representatives that a quorum of the Senate is assembled and ready to proceed to business.

On motion, by Mr. Robinson,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Robinson and Varnum be a committee on the part of the Senate, together with such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives on their part, to wait on the President of the United States, and notify him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications that he may be pleased to make to them.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The President communicated the following letter from the President of the United States; which was read:

*Washington, September 17, 1814.*

SIR: The destruction of the Capitol, by the enemy, having made it necessary that other accommodations should be provided for the meeting of Congress, chambers for



the Senate and for the House of Representatives, with other requisite apartments, have been fitted up, under the direction of the superintendent of the city, in the public building heretofore allotted for the post and other public offices.

With this information, be pleased, Sir, to accept assurances of my great respect and consideration.

JAMES MADISON.

*The President of the Senate of the United States.*

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

It was agreed that when the Senate adjourn it be to 5 o'clock this evening.

On motion, by Mr. Howell,

*Resolved*, That each Senator be supplied, during the present session, with three such newspapers, printed in any of the states, as he may choose; provided, the same be furnished at the usual rate, for the annual charge of such papers; and, provided, also, that if any Senator shall choose to take any newspapers other than daily papers, he shall be supplied with as many such papers as shall not exceed the price of three daily papers.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

The Senate adjourned to 5 o'clock this evening.

*5 o'clock in the evening.*

The number of Senators present not being sufficient to constitute a quorum,

On motion, by Mr. Lacock,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1814.**

The Honorable William W. Bibb, from the state of Georgia, took his seat in the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

*Resolved*, That two hundred copies of the constitution of the United States, and two hundred copies of the rules for conducting business in the Senate, be printed and bound for the use of the Senate, in the form they have heretofore been.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: I am directed to inform the Senate that a quorum of the House of Representatives is assembled and ready to proceed to business.

They have appointed a committee on their part to join the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled and ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make to them. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Lacock,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed agreeably to the 42d rule for conducting business in the Senate.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Lacock, Howell, and Morrow, be the committee.

Mr. Worthington submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That two chaplains, of different denominations, be appointed to Congress during the present session, one by each House, who shall interchange weekly.

Mr. Robinson reported, from the joint committee, that they had waited on the President of the United States agreeably to order, and that the President of the United States informed the committee that he would make a communication to the two Houses this day, at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Howell submitted the following motion for consideration, which was read:

*Resolved*, That Mountjoy Bayly, doorkeeper and sergeant-at-arms to the Senate be, and he hereby is, authorized, to employ one assistant and two horses, for the purpose of performing such services as are usually required by the door-keeper of the Senate, which expense shall be paid out of the contingent fund.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed agreeably to the 22d rule for conducting business in the Senate.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Fromentin, Thompson, and Bledsoe, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Howell,

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed for Enrolled Bills jointly with such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives.



*Ordered*, That Mr. Howell be the committee on the part of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

*Fellow citizens of the Senate and of the House of Representatives:*

Notwithstanding the early day which had been fixed for your session of the present year, I was induced to call you together still sooner, as well that any inadequacy in the existing provisions for the wants of the Treasury might be supplied, as that no delay might happen in providing for the result of the negotiations on foot with Great Britain, whether it should require arrangements adapted to a return of peace, or further and more effective provisions for prosecuting the war.

That result is not yet known. If, on one hand, the repeal of the orders in council, and the general pacification in Europe, which withdrew the occasion on which impressments from American vessels were practised, suggest expectations that peace and amity may be re-established, we are compelled, on the other hand, by the refusal of the British government to accept the offered mediation of the Emperor of Russia; by the delays in giving effect to its own proposal of a direct negotiation; and, above all, by the principles and manner in which the war is now avowedly carried on, to infer that a spirit of hostility is indulged more violent than ever against the rights and prosperity of this country.

This increased violence is best explained by the two important circumstances, that the great contest in Europe for an equilibrium guaranteeing all its states against the ambition of any, has been closed without any check on the overbearing power of Great Britain on the ocean; and it has left in her hands disposable armaments with which, forgetting the difficulties of a remote war with a free people, and yielding to the intoxication of success, with the example of a great victim to it before her eyes, she cherishes hopes of still further aggrandizing a power already formidable in its abuses to the tranquillity of the civilized and commercial world.

But, whatever may have inspired the enemy with these more violent purposes, the public councils of a nation, more able to maintain than it was to acquire its independence, and with a devotion to it rendered more ardent by the experience of its blessings, can never deliberate but on the means most effectual for defeating the extravagant views or unwarrantable passions with which alone the war can now be pursued against us.

In the events of the present campaign, the enemy, with all his augmented means, and wanton use of them, has little ground for exultation, unless he can feel it in the success of his recent enterprizes against this metropolis and the neighboring town of Alexandria, from both of which his retreats were as precipitate as his attempts were bold and fortunate. In his other incursions on our Atlantic frontier, his progress, often checked and chastised by the martial spirit of the neighboring citizens, has had more effect in distressing individuals, and in dishonoring his arms, than in promoting any object of legitimate warfare. And, in the two instances mentioned, however deeply to be regretted on our part, he will find in his transient success, which interrupted for a moment only the ordinary public business at the seat of government, no compensation for the loss of character with the world, by his violations of private property, and by his destruction of public edifices, protected, as monuments of the arts, by the laws of civilized warfare.

On our side, we can appeal to a series of achievements which have given new lustre to the American arms. Besides the brilliant incidents in the minor operations of the campaign, the splendid victories gained on the Canadian side of the Niagara, by the American forces under Major General Brown, and Brigadiers Scott and Gaines, have gained for these heroes, and their emulating companions, the most unfading laurels; and, having triumphantly tested the progressive discipline of the American soldiery, have taught the enemy that the longer he protracts his hostile efforts, the more certain and decisive will be his final discomfiture.

On our southern border, victory has continued also to follow the American standard. The bold and skilful operations of Major General Jackson, conducting troops drawn from the militia of the states least distant, particularly of Tennessee, have subdued the principal tribes of hostile savages, and, by establishing a peace with them, preceded by recent and exemplary chastisement, has best guarded against the mischief of their co-operation with the British enterprizes which may be planned against that quarter of our country. Important tribes of Indians on our northwestern frontier have also acceded to stipulations which bind them to the interests of the United States, and to consider our enemy as theirs also.



In the recent attempt of the enemy on the city of Baltimore, defended by militia and volunteers, aided by a small body of regulars and seamen, he was received with a spirit which produced a rapid retreat to his ships; whilst a concurrent attack by a large fleet was successfully resisted by the steady and well directed fire of the fort and batteries opposed to it.

In another recent attack by a powerful force on our troops at Plattsburg, of which regulars made a part only, the enemy, after a perseverance for many hours, was finally compelled to seek safety in a hasty retreat, with our gallant bands pressing upon him.

On the Lakes, so much contested throughout the war, the great exertions for the command made on our part have been well repaid. On Lake Ontario our squadron is now, and has been for some time, in a condition to confine that of the enemy to his own port; and to favor the operations of our land forces on that frontier.

A part of the squadron on Lake Erie has been extended into Lake Huron, and has produced the advantage of displaying our command on that lake also. One object of the expedition was the reduction of Mackinaw, which failed, with the loss of a few brave men, among whom was an officer justly distinguished for his gallant exploits. The expedition, ably conducted by both the land and the naval commanders, was otherwise highly valuable in its effects.

On Lake Champlain, where our superiority had for some time been undisputed, the British squadron lately came into action with the American, commanded by Captain Macdonough. It issued in the capture of the whole of the enemy's ships. The best praise for this officer, and his intrepid comrades, is in the likeness of his triumph to the illustrious victory which immortalized another officer, and established, at a critical moment, our command of another lake.

On the ocean the pride of our naval arms has been amply supported. A second frigate has indeed fallen into the hands of the enemy, but the loss is hidden in the blaze of heroism with which she was defended. Captain Porter, who commanded her, and whose previous career had been distinguished by daring enterprise and by fertility of genius, maintained a sanguinary contest against two ships, one of them superior to his own, and under other severe disadvantages, till humanity tore down the colors which valor had nailed to the mast. This officer and his brave comrades have added much to the rising glory of the American flag, and have merited all the effusions of gratitude which their country is ever ready to bestow on the champions of its rights and of its safety.

Two smaller vessels of war have also become prizes to the enemy; but, by a superiority of force which sufficiently vindicates the reputation of their commanders; whilst two others, one commanded by Captain Warrington, the other by Captain Blakely, have captured British ships of the same class, with a gallantry and good conduct which entitle them and their companions to a just share in the praise of their country.

In spite of the naval force of the enemy accumulated on our coasts, our private cruisers also have not ceased to annoy his commerce, and to bring their rich prizes into our ports; contributing thus, with other proofs, to demonstrate the incompetency and illegality of a blockade, the proclamation of which is made the pretext for vexing and discouraging the commerce of neutral powers with the United States.

To meet the extended and diversified warfare adopted by the enemy, great bodies of militia have been taken into service for the public defence, and great expenses incurred. That the defence every where may be both more convenient and more economical, Congress will see the necessity of immediate measures for filling the ranks of the regular army, and of enlarging the provision for special corps, mounted and unmounted, to be engaged for longer periods of service than are due from the militia. I earnestly renew, at the same time, a recommendation of such changes in the system of the militia, as, by classing and disciplining for the most prompt and active service the portions most capable of it, will give to that great resource for the public safety all the requisite energy and efficiency.

The moneys received into the Treasury during the nine months ending on the 30th day of June last, amounted to thirty-two millions of dollars, of which near eleven millions were the proceeds of the public revenue, and the remainder derived from loans. The disbursements for public expenditures during the same period exceeded thirty-four millions of dollars, and left in the Treasury, on the first day of July, near five millions of dollars. The demands during the remainder of the present year already authorized by Congress, and the expenses incident to an extension of the operations of the war, will render it necessary that large sums should be provided to meet them.

From this view of the national affairs, Congress will be urged to take up, without delay, as well the subject of pecuniary supplies as that of military force, and on a scale



commensurate with the extent and the character which the war has assumed. It is not to be disguised that the situation of our country calls for its greatest efforts. Our enemy is powerful in men and in money, on the land and on the water. Availing himself of fortuitous advantages, he is aiming, with his undivided force, a deadly blow at our growing prosperity, perhaps at our national existence. He has avowed his purpose of trampling on the usages of civilized warfare, and given earnest of it in the plunder and wanton destruction of private property. In his pride of maritime dominion, and, in his thirst of commercial monopoly, he strikes with peculiar animosity at the progress of our navigation and of our manufactures. His barbarous policy has not even spared those monuments of the arts and models of taste with which our country had enriched and embellished its infant metropolis. From such an adversary, hostility, in its greatest force and in its worst forms, may be looked for. The American people will face it with the undaunted spirit which in their Revolutionary struggle defeated his unrighteous projects. His threats and his barbarities, instead of dismay, will kindle in every bosom an indignation not to be extinguished but in the disaster and expulsion of such cruel invaders. In providing the means necessary, the national legislature will not distrust the heroic and enlightened patriotism of its constituents. They will cheerfully and proudly bear every burden of every kind which the safety and honor of the nation demand. We have seen them every where paying their taxes, direct and indirect, with the greatest promptness and alacrity. We see them rushing with enthusiasm to the scenes where danger and duty call. In offering their blood they give the surest pledge that no other tribute will be withheld.

Having forbore to declare war until to other aggressions had been added the capture of nearly a thousand American vessels, and the impressment of thousands of American seafaring citizens, and until a final declaration had been made by the government of Great Britain, that her hostile orders against our commerce would not be revoked, but on conditions as impossible as unjust; whilst it was known that these orders would not otherwise cease, but with a war which had lasted nearly twenty years, and which, according to appearances at that time, might last as many more; having manifested, on every occasion, and in every proper mode, a sincere desire to arrest the effusion of blood, and meet our enemy on the ground of justice and reconciliation, our beloved country, in still opposing to his persevering hostility all its energies, with an undiminished disposition towards peace and friendship on honorable terms, must carry with it the good wishes of the impartial world, and the best hopes of support from an omnipotent and kind Providence.

JAMES MADISON.

*Washington, September 20, 1814.*

The message was read.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

*Ordered*, That five hundred copies thereof be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Howell,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1814.

The Honorable Dudley Chace, from the state of Vermont; the Honorable Obadiah German, from the state of New York; the Honorable Robert H. Goldsborough, from the state of Maryland; and the Honorable David Stone, from the state of North Carolina; severally took their seats in the Senate.

The President communicated the memorial of the legislature of the Indiana territory, praying that the time for the payment by purchasers of public lands in that territory may be extended to two years on each instalment, and that all arrearages of interest may be released to the purchasers; also, suggesting the propriety of reducing the price of, and subdividing certain quarter sections, for reasons stated at large in the memorial; which was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Morrow, Bledsoe, Thompson, Chace, and Tait, be the committee.

The resolution for the appointment of chaplains was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and, no amendment having been proposed, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.



The resolution authorizing Mountjoy Bayly to employ one assistant and two horses was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and no amendment having been proposed, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Fromentin, from the committee, reported the resolution last mentioned correctly engrossed; and,

On motion, by Mr. Howell,

It was, by unanimous consent, read the third time and passed, as follows:

*Resolved*, That Mountjoy Bayly, Doorkeeper and Sergeant-at-Arms to the Senate, be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ one assistant and two horses, for the purpose of performing such services as are usually required by the Doorkeeper of the Senate; which expense shall be paid out of the contingent fund.

Mr. Worthington submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the militia of the United States, be referred to a select committee, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Giles submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to military affairs, be referred to a select committee, with leave to report by bill, bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Fromentin, from the committee, reported the resolution for the appointment of chaplains correctly engrossed, and it was, by unanimous consent, read the third time and passed, as follows:

*Resolved*, That two chaplains, of different denominations, be appointed to Congress during the present session, one by each House, who shall interchange weekly.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this resolution.

On motion, by Mr. Bledsoe,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to revise the standing rules of the Senate, with leave to report such amendments and additions thereto as they may deem expedient.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Bledsoe, Giles, Varnum, Bibb, and Brown, be the committee.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1814.

The Honorable John Condit, from the state of New Jersey, took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Bledsoe, from the committee appointed yesterday to revise the standing rules of the Senate, made report; which was read.

*Ordered*, That it lie for consideration.

On motion, by Mr. Thompson,

*Resolved, unanimously*, That the members of the Senate, from a sincere desire of showing every mark of respect due to the memory of the Honorable Nicholas Gilman, deceased, late a member thereof, will go into mourning for him one month, by the usual mode of wearing a crape round the left arm.

The Senate resumed the motion made yesterday for the appointment of a committee on so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the militia, and agreed thereto; and,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Worthington, Varnum, Lacock, Chace, and Anderson, be the committee.

The Senate resumed the motion made yesterday for the appointment of a committee on so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to military affairs, and agreed thereto; and,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Giles, Brown, Turner, Bibb, and German, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Bledsoe,

*Resolved*, That each member of the Senate be furnished with a copy of the last printed register of the officers of the army of the United States; and also with a copy of the last printed register of the officers of the navy.

Mr. Giles submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the state of preparations for the defence of the city of Washington, and whether any further provisions by law be necessary for that object, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.



FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1814.

The Honorable David Daggett, from the state of Connecticut, took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Brent presented the memorial of the President and Directors of the Washington Bridge Company, praying compensation for the injury done the bridge on the 24th August last, by a military force of the United States, for reasons stated at large in the memorial; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Brent, Giles, and Tait, be the committee.

Mr. Brent presented the memorial of the President and Directors of the Eastern Branch Bridge Company, praying reimbursement to the company for the loss of the bridge, which was destroyed, on the 24th August last, by a military force of the United States, for reasons therein stated; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Brent,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee last mentioned, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Fromentin submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That, in furtherance of the resolution agreed to by the Senate on the 18th of April last, there shall be printed in future as many copies of the documents ordered to be printed by the Senate as there are printed copies of the journal of the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Fromentin, Worthington, and Giles, be the committee.

The Senate resumed the report of the select committee appointed to revise the standing rules of the Senate; and,

On motion, by Mr. Bledsoe,

The report was amended; and,

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Monday next.

The Senate resumed the motion made yesterday for the appointment of a committee to inquire into the state of the preparations for the defence of the city of Washington; and,

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

The motion was amended and agreed to, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the state of preparations for the defence of the city of Washington, and whether any further provisions by law be necessary for that object, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

*Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to naval affairs, be referred to a select committee, with leave to report by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Tait, Howell, Daggett, Fromentin, and Morrow, be the committee.

Mr. Giles submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate such information, in his possession, respecting the existing state of the relations between the United States and the continental powers of Europe, as he may deem not improper to be communicated.

On motion, by Mr. Lacock,

It was agreed that when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

On motion, by Mr. Howell,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1814.

The Honorable John Taylor, from the state of South Carolina, took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Roberts presented the resolutions of the burgesses and inhabitants of the borough of Lancaster, in the state of Pennsylvania, pledging themselves that suitable accommodations shall be provided for the President and both Houses of Congress



and for the other public offices, in case a removal to that borough should be deemed expedient; and the resolutions were read.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee appointed to revise the standing rules of the Senate; and,

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be further postponed to Wednesday next.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion, submitted the 23d instant, requesting information respecting the state of the relations between the United States and the continental powers of Europe; and agreed thereto.

Mr. Goldsborough submitted the following motion for consideration; which was read,

*Resolved*, That a committee of three members be appointed, who, with three members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed by that House, shall have the direction of the money appropriated to the purchase of books and maps for the use of the two Houses of Congress.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Goldsborough,

It was read a second time by unanimous consent, and considered as in committee of the whole, and, no amendment having been proposed, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this resolution be engrossed and read the third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Fromentin, from the committee, reported the resolution last mentioned correctly engrossed.

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

It was read the third time by unanimous consent.

On the question, Shall this resolution pass?

It was determined in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Goldsborough, Fromentin, and Tait, be the committee on the part of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The President communicated a letter from the President of the Washington Library, with a resolution of the Directors, offering the use of the library to the members of Congress; which was read.

Mr. Fromentin, from the committee to whom was referred the motion, submitted the 23d instant, directing an additional number of copies to be printed of the public documents, reported it without amendment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives concur in the resolution of the Senate, of the 21st instant, for the appointment of chaplains; and have appointed the Reverend Obadiah B. Brown chaplain on their part. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

*Resolved*, That the Senate will, to-morrow at 12 o'clock, proceed to the election of a chaplain on their part.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary for the Department of Treasury, prepared in obedience to the "Act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Treasury Department,'" and the report was read.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States*:

I transmit to Congress, for their information, copies of a letter from Admiral Cockrane, commanding his Britannic Majesty's naval force on the American station, to the Secretary of State, with his answer, and of a reply from Admiral Cockrane.

JAMES MADISON.

September 26, 1814.

The message and the documents therein referred to were read.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1814.

The Senate resumed the motion, submitted the 23d instant, directing an additional number of the public documents to be printed, and agreed thereto.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives concur in the resolution of the Se-



nate, of the 26th instant, for the appointment of a joint committee, for the arrangements of the library, and have appointed a committee on their part. And he withdrew.

Agreeably to order, the Senate proceeded to the appointment of a chaplain on their part; and, on the ballots having been counted, it appeared that the Reverend Jesse Lee had a majority, and was elected.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

The galleries were cleared, and the doors of the Senate Chamber closed.

After the consideration of Executive and confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1814.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the select committee appointed to revise the standing rules of the Senate; and,

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be further postponed to Tuesday next.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1814.

The President communicated a letter from Thomas Leiper, President of the Common Council of the city of Philadelphia, and Liberty Browne, President of the Select Council, enclosing resolutions of those bodies, "That in case Congress should deem a removal from the City of Washington necessary, under existing circumstances, they will provide suitable places for their accommodation, as well as that of the other departments of the government, and the offices attached to them."

The letter and resolutions therein referred to were read.

*Ordered*, That they lie on the table.

On motion, by Mr. Brent,

*Ordered*, That the President and Directors of the Union Bank of Alexandria have leave to withdraw their memorial presented at the last session.

On request,

Mr. Brent was excused from the committee to whom were referred the memorials of the President and Directors of the Washington and Eastern Branch Bridge companies; and,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Bledsoe be of said committee, in place of Mr. Brent.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 1814.

The President communicated a letter from Richards and Mallory, booksellers of Georgetown, offering the use of their books to the members of the Senate during the present session; which was read.

Mr. Bledsoe called up the memorial and resolutions of the legislature of the state of Kentucky, relative to the division line between that state and the state of Tennessee, presented on the 15th February last; and,

On his motion,

*Resolved*, That they be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Bledsoe, Anderson, Daggett, Giles, and Brown, be the committee.

Mr. German presented the petition of David M. Clarkson and others, citizens of New York, praying the establishment of a national bank, for reasons therein stated; and the petition was read.

Mr. Bledsoe submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Senate will, on — next, proceed to the election of a Secretary of the Senate.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.



## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 1814.

The Senate resumed the motion submitted yesterday, respecting the election of a Secretary of the Senate; and,

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Thursday next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 1814.

The Honorable William Hill Wells, from the state of Delaware, took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Taylor presented the petition of the citizens of the districts of Chesterfield, Kershaw, and Lancaster, of the state of South Carolina, and of the county of Anson, in the state of North Carolina, praying for the establishment of certain post routes and post offices, for reasons therein stated; and the petition was read.

Mr. Lacock submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire and report to the Senate the extent of the injury done the Capitol and other public buildings of the United States, by the enemy; the best means of preserving from further damage, by the weather, the remains of those edifices, and the expediency of an appropriation for repairing the same.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I transmit to the Senate a report from the Department of State, complying with their resolution of the 26th ultimo.

JAMES MADISON.

October 3, 1814.

The message and report therein referred to were read.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1814.

The Honorable Jeremiah Mason, from the state of New Hampshire, took his seat in the Senate.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the select committee appointed to revise the standing rules of the Senate; and,

On the question to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion, submitted yesterday, for the appointment of a committee to inquire into the extent of injury done the Capitol, and other public edifices, by the enemy, and the best means of preserving them from further damage, by the weather; and agreed thereto.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Lacock, Taylor, Varnum, Anderson, and Bibb, be the committee.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1814.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 1814.

The Honorable Christopher Gore, from the state of Massachusetts; the Honorable William Hunter, from the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations; and the Honorable Rufus King, from the state of New York, severally attended.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the motion submitted by Mr. Bledsoe, the 30th September; and, the blank having been filled, the motion was agreed to, as follows:



*Resolved*, That the Senate will, on Tuesday next, proceed to the election of a Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Tait, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported, in part, resolutions expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Captain Thomas Macdonough, the officers, seamen, marines, and infantry serving as marines, on board the United States' squadron on Lake Champlain; and the resolutions were read.

*Ordered*, That they pass to the second reading.

Mr. Tait also communicated a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, together with copies of documents in relation to the victory obtained by the United States' squadron, under the command of Captain Thomas Macdonough, over that of the enemy, on Lake Champlain; which were read; and,

On his motion,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1814.

The resolutions expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Captain Thomas Macdonough, the officers, seamen, marines, and infantry serving as marines, on board the United States' squadron on Lake Champlain, were read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and, no amendment having been proposed, the President reported them to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the resolutions be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Fromentin, from the committee, reported the resolutions last mentioned correctly engrossed; and,

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

The resolutions were read the third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved, unanimously*, That they do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Worthington submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the legislature of the Indiana territory, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants; and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion, by Mr. Gore,

*Resolved, unanimously*, That the Senate, from a sincere desire of testifying their respect for the long and faithful services of their late Secretary, Samuel A. Otis, esquire, who performed the duties of that office with punctuality and exactness, from the commencement of this government until the close of the last session of Congress, will go into mourning for one month, in the usual method of wearing crape round the left arm.

On motion, by Mr. Bledsoe,

It was agreed that when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the joint committee on the library of Congress, reported a joint resolution empowering the committee to contract for the purchase of the library of Mr. Jefferson, late President of the United States, for the use of Congress; and the resolution was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Goldsborough,

The resolution was read the second time by unanimous consent, and considered as in committee of the whole; and,

On motion, by Mr. King,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

#### MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1814.

The Honorable George Walker, appointed a Senator by the Executive of the state of Kentucky, in place of the Honorable George W. Bibb, resigned, produced his credentials, which were read; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to him, and he took his seat in the Senate.



The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted the 7th instant, directing the committee on the memorial of the legislature of the Indiana territory to inquire into the expediency of extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants; and agreed thereto.

Mr. Goldsborough, chairman of the joint library committee of Congress, communicated a letter from Samuel H. Smith, esquire, enclosing one from Mr. Jefferson, tendering the disposition of his library to Congress; which were read.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole; the "resolution empowering the joint library committee of Congress to contract for the purchase of Mr. Jefferson's library;" and, no amendment having been proposed, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Fromentin, from the committee, reported the resolution last mentioned correctly engrossed; and,

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

It was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That the said resolution do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Tait, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported, in part, a resolution expressive of the sense of Congress relative to the victory of the Peacock over the Epervier; and the resolution was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Tait communicated a letter from the Secretary for the Department of the Navy, with copies of the official account and other papers, relative to the capture of the enemy's sloop of war Epervier, by the United States' sloop of war Peacock, commanded by Captain Warrington; and the letter and documents therein referred to were read; and,

On his motion,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives concur in the resolution of the Senate of the 20th September, for the appointment of a Committee for Enrolled Bills, and have appointed a committee on their part.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act further to extend the right of suffrage, and to increase the number of members of the legislative council in the Mississippi territory," in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last brought up for concurrence was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass pass to the second reading.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States*:

I lay before Congress communications just received from the plenipotentiaries of the United States, charged with negotiating peace with Great Britain, showing the conditions on which alone that government is willing to put an end to the war.

The instructions to those plenipotentiaries, disclosing the grounds on which they were authorized to negotiate and conclude a treaty of peace, will be the subject of another communication.

JAMES MADISON.

*Washington, October 10, 1814.*

The message and the documents therein referred to were read.

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That one thousand copies thereof be printed for the use of the Senate.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1814.

The bill, entitled "An act further to extend the right of suffrage, and to increase the number of members of the legislative council in the Mississippi territory," was read the second time; and,



On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Morrow, Bledsoe, and Chace, be the committee.

The resolution "expressive of the sense of Congress relative to the victory of the Peacock over the Epervier," was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and, no amendment having been proposed, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Agreeably to the resolution of the 6th instant, the Senate proceeded to the election of a Secretary, and the whole number of ballots collected was thirty-one, of which Charles Cutts had sixteen, and was accordingly elected in the place of Samuel Allyne Otis, deceased.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1814.

The oaths prescribed, were, by the President, administered to Charles Cutts, Esq. Secretary of the Senate.

Mr. Fromentin, from the committee, reported the resolution expressive of the sense of Congress relative to the victory of the Peacock over the Epervier, correctly engrossed; and it was read a third time.

*Resolved, unanimously*, That the said resolution do pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act further to extend the right of suffrage, and to increase the number of members of the legislative council in the Mississippi territory," reported it without amendment.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1814.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act further to extend the right of suffrage, and to increase the number of members of the legislative council of the Mississippi territory;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Monday next.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1814.

Mr. Goldsborough presented the memorial of Washington Bowie, and others, owners of the ship *Allegany*, praying to be reimbursed the value of said vessel, which was seized and condemned at Gibraltar by the enemy, whilst employed in the service of the United States, for reasons stated at large in the memorial; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Goldsborough, Gore, and Chace, be the committee.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:*

I now transmit to Congress copies of the instructions to the plenipotentiaries of the United States, charged with negotiating a peace with Great Britain, as referred to in my message of the 10th instant.

JAMES MADISON.

*Washington, October 13, 1814.*

The message and documents therein referred to, not confidentially communicated, were read.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.



On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Resolved*, That the message and documents, together with the several communications of the President of the United States to the Senate, since the commencement of the present session, relating to our foreign affairs, be referred to a select committee.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Bibb, Taylor, King, Brown, and Chace, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

The galleries were cleared and the doors of the Senate chamber closed.

After the consideration of Executive and confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1814.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives concur unanimously in the resolutions expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Captain Thomas Macdonough, the officers, seamen, marines, and infantry serving as marines, on board the United States' squadron on Lake Champlain."

They have passed resolutions expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallantry and good conduct with which the reputation of the arms of the United States has been sustained by Major General Brown, Major General Scott, and Brigadiers Ripley, Miller, Porter, Gaines, and Macomb," in which they request the concurrence of the Senate." And he withdrew.

The resolutions last mentioned were read.

*Ordered*, That they pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Mason,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate be required to purchase, for the use of the Senate, four copies of the laws of the United States, and two copies of Graydon's Digest of said laws.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1814.

The resolutions expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallantry and good conduct with which the reputation of the arms of the United States has been sustained by Major General Brown, Major General Scott, and Brigadiers Ripley, Miller, Porter, Gaines, and Macomb," were read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act further to extend the right of suffrage and to increase the number of members of the Legislative Council, in the Mississippi territory."

On motion, by Mr. Bledsod,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be further postponed to Wednesday next.

Mr. Morrow presented the petition of Edward Bland and others, inhabitants of the city of Washington, lately employed at the navy yard, praying indemnification for the loss of a quantity of tools, which, with the public buildings, were consumed by order of the Secretary of the Navy, as is stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. King,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Secretary for the Department of Navy, to consider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Taylor presented the petition of Jeremiah Searcy, formerly a citizen of South Carolina, now a citizen of Madison county, in the state of Kentucky, an old Revolutionary soldier, praying relief, for reasons stated at large in the petition; which was read.

Mr. Tait, from the Naval Committee, reported, in part, a resolution expressive of the sense of Congress relative to the capture of the British sloop Reindeer by the American sloop Wasp;" and the resolution was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Tait communicated a letter from the Secretary for the Department of Navy, with copies of the documents relative to the capture and destruction of the enemy's sloop of war Reindeer, by the American sloop of war Wasp, commanded by Captain Johnston Blakely, and the letter and documents therein referred to were read; and,

On his motion,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.



After the consideration of Executive business,  
The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1814.**

Mr. Morrow, from the committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill further extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the General Land Office; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The President communicated a letter from Peter Landais, together with a representation of his claim against the United States; which were read.

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Fromentin, Walker, and Brown, be the committee.

The resolution expressive of the sense of Congress relative to the capture of the British sloop *Reindeer* by the American sloop *Wasp*, was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and no amendment having been proposed, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed for enrolled bills, in place of Mr. Howell, absent.

*Ordered*, That Mr. Roberts be the committee on the part of the Senate.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the resolutions expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Captain Thomas Macdonough, the officers, seamen, and marines, and infantry serving as marines, on board the United States' squadron on Lake Champlain.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1814.**

The bill further extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the General Land Office, was read the second time.

Mr. Fromentin, from the committee, reported the resolution expressive of the sense of Congress relative to the capture of the British sloop *Reindeer* by the American sloop *Wasp*, correctly engrossed; which was read the third time, and

*Resolved, unanimously*, That this resolution pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Giles, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom were referred the resolutions expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallantry and good conduct with which the reputation of the arms of the United States has been sustained by Major General Brown, Major General Scott, and Brigadiers Ripley, Miller, Porter, Gaines, and Maccomb, reported them with amendments; which were read and considered as in committee of the whole, and agreed to; and

On motion, by Mr. Robinson,

The resolutions were further amended, and the President reported them to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall these resolutions be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendments to the resolutions last mentioned having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed,

On motion,

The resolutions were read a third time as amended, by unanimous consent.

*Resolved, unanimously*, That these resolutions pass with amendments.

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

It was agreed that the title thereof be amended.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.







*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed; as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill further extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the General Land Office; and, no amendment having been proposed, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring it to the Senate, for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to morrow morning.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1814.

The bill further extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the General Land Office, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

The bill was amended by unanimous consent; and,

On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

The blanks were filled, first, with "three," second, with "five."

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the resolution empowering the joint Library Committee of Congress to contract for the purchase of Mr. Jefferson's library.

Mr. German submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee to whom was referred that part of the President's message which relates to the classification of the militia, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of adopting the following plan, viz: That the whole militia of the United States be divided into classes of ten men; that it be obligatory on each class to furnish, on the requisition of the President of the United States, on the first Monday of April, annually, one able-bodied man, who shall serve for the term of one year, in a corps of local militia, to be organized in each state for the defence thereof.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

It was agreed that when the Senate adjourn it be to Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Fromentin submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That there be printed for the use of the Senate, a list of all the bills which have been laid before the Senate at any former session, and which have been rejected by the Senate, or by the House of Representatives; and that a similar list be thus printed at the beginning of every session of Congress.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the two enrolled resolutions last reported to have been examined.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1814.

The Honorable John Lambert, from the state of New Jersey, took his seat in the Senate.



Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act further to extend the right of suffrage, and to increase the number of members of the Legislative Council in the Mississippi territory."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President:* The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives disagree to the amendments of the Senate to the resolutions expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallantry and good conduct with which the reputation of the arms of the United States has been sustained by Major General Brown, Major General Scott, and Brigadiers Ripley, Miller, Porter, Gaines, and Macomb. And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives to the resolutions last mentioned.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Resolved*, That they insist on their amendments, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses; and,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Giles, Smith, and Varnum, be the managers at the said conference on the part of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed the motion made the 21st instant, by Mr. German, respecting the classification of the militia; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On request, by Mr. Turner, Mr. Stone had leave of absence for four weeks.

On motion, by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before the Senate (provided he shall not consider the same improper to be communicated,) the proof of any traffic carried on in the West Indies, by the sale of negroes taken from the United States by the British forces since the present war, which was alluded to in the letter of the Secretary of State to the American Plenipotentiaries at Gottenburg, of date 28th January, 1814, and contained in his late message to Congress.

The Senate resumed the motion made the 21st instant, to print a list of rejected bills; and,

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

It was amended; and,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1814.

The Senate resumed the motion made the 21st instant, respecting the classification of the militia; and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed the motion made the 21st instant, to print a list of rejected bills; and,

On motion, by Mr. Lacock,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Fromentin, Lacock, and Varnum, be the committee.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1814.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act further to extend the right of suffrage, and to increase the number of members of the Legislative Council in the Mississippi territory."

Mr. Tait, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported, in part, a bill authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built or purchased the vessels therein described; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.



Mr. Roberts presented the memorial of Stephen Girard, of the city of Philadelphia, stating that he has established a bank upon his own fortune and credit, and for his own exclusive emolument, and that, by the construction given to the act of Congress laying duties on notes of banks, bankers, &c. he is excluded from the privileges enjoyed by other banking companies; and praying relief, for reasons stated at large in the memorial; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Roberts, Smith, and Daggett, be the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives insist on their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate, to the resolutions "expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallantry and good conduct with which the reputation of the arms of the United States has been sustained by Major General Brown, Major General Scott, and Brigadiers Ripley, Miller, Porter, Gaines, and Macomb."

They agree to the conference proposed on the subject, and have appointed managers on their part. And he withdrew.

The Senate resumed the motion made on the 21st instant, by Mr. German, respecting the classification of the militia; and agreed thereto.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Graham:

*Mr. President*: The President of the United States, on the 20th instant, approved and signed the resolutions "expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallant conduct of Captain Thomas Macdonough, the officers, seamen, marines, and infantry serving as marines, on board the United States' squadron on Lake Champlain;" and, on the 21st, the resolution "expressive of the sense of Congress relative to the victory of the Peacock over the Epervier;" also, the resolution empowering the joint library committee of Congress to contract for the purchase of Mr. Jefferson's library."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1814.

The bill authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built or purchased the vessels therein described, was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

Was considered as in committee of the whole; and, after progress,

On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Giles, from the managers on the part of the Senate, at the conference on the amendments of the Senate disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the resolutions "expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallantry and good conduct with which the reputation of the arms of the United States has been sustained by Major General Brown, Major General Scott, and Brigadiers Ripley, Miller, Porter, Gaines, and Macomb," reported that the conferees had agreed to certain modifications of the amendments; and the report was read.

*Resolved*, That the Senate concur therein, and that the resolutions be amended accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary acquaint the House of Representatives therewith.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1814.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have agreed to the modifications of the amendments of the Senate to their resolutions "expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallantry and good conduct with which the reputation of the arms of the United States has been sustained by Major General Brown, Major General Scott, and Brigadiers Ripley, Miller, Porter, Gaines, and Macomb," as reported by the committee of conference. And he withdrew.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built or purchased the vessels therein described.



The bill, entitled "An act to authorize a loan for a sum not exceeding three millions of dollars," was read the second time.



On motion, by Mr. Gore,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Gore, Bibb, and Smith, be the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution requesting the President of the United States to recommend a day of public humiliation, fasting, and prayer, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The resolution last mentioned was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Lacock submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee of Accounts be authorized to audit and control the accounts for the funeral expenses of Samuel A. Otis, Esquire, late Secretary of the Senate, and for a monument erected to his memory; and that the expenses be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate. And the resolution was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1814.

The Honorable Samuel W. Dana, from the state of Connecticut, took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled, the resolutions "expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallantry and good conduct with which the reputation of the arms of the United States has been sustained by Major General Brown, Major General Scott, Major General Porter, Major General Gaines, Major General Macomb, and Brigadiers Ripley, and Miller;" also, the resolution "expressive of the sense of Congress relative to the capture of the British sloop Reindeer by the American sloop Wasp;" and the bill, entitled "An act further extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the General Land Office."

Mr. Roberts presented the memorial of Oliver Evans, praying a general extension of the patent term, or a renewal of his patent for his improvements in steam engines; for reasons stated at large in the memorial; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Roberts, Smith, Dana, Anderson, and Varnum, be the committee.

The resolution authorizing the Committee of Accounts to audit and control the accounts for the funeral expenses of Samuel A. Otis, Esquire, late Secretary of the Senate, was read the second time.

The resolution requesting the President of the United States to recommend a day of public humiliation, fasting, and prayer, was read the second time.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled resolutions and one enrolled bill, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the petty officers and seamen under the command of Captain Joshua Barney," in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The President signed the two enrolled resolutions, and the enrolled bill, last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1814.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had laid before the President of the United States the two enrolled resolutions and one enrolled bill last reported to have been examined.



Mr. Roberts, from the committee, to whom was referred the petition of Stephen Girard, reported a bill supplementary to an act laying duties on notes of banks, bankers, and certain companies; on notes, bonds, and obligations, discounted by banks, bankers, and certain companies; and on bills of exchange of certain descriptions;" and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Bledsoe submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing, by law, an additional number of military academies.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the petty officers and seamen under the command of Captain Joshua Barney," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution authorizing the Committee of Accounts to audit and control the accounts for the funeral expenses of Samuel A. Otis, Esquire, late Secretary of the Senate; and, no amendment having been proposed, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this resolution be engrossed, and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the resolution requesting the President of the United States to recommend a day of public humiliation, fasting, and prayer; and, no amendment having been proposed,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

On motion,

The resolution was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Gore, from the committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize a loan for a sum not exceeding three millions of dollars," reported it without amendment; and,

On motion,

The bill was considered as in committee of the whole.

On motion, by Mr. Gore,

To strike out, of section 5, after the word "thereof," in the 20th line, to the end of the section, and insert, between sections 5 and 6, the following:

"Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That, in addition to the annual sum of eight millions of dollars, heretofore appropriated to the sinking fund, a further annual sum, to be provided by permanent funds, and which shall be equal to the interest payable upon the stock created by virtue of this act, together with a sum that shall be equal to one per centum upon the whole principal of said stock, shall, during the present session of Congress, be appropriated to the said sinking fund, and vested in the commissioners thereof, in trust, to be by them applied to pay the interest and to reimburse the principal of the said stock created by this act;" and, after debate,

On motion, by Mr. Bledsoe,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1814.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee to whom was referred the memorial of Bowie and Kurtz, and others, made report; which was read.

He also reported a bill for the relief of Bowie and Kurtz, and others, and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Tait, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the petty officers and seamen under the command of Captain Joshua Barney," reported it without amendment.

The Senate resumed the motion made yesterday, instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire into the expediency of establishing by law an additional number of military academies, and agreed thereto.

The bill supplementary to an act laying duties on notes of banks, bankers, and



certain companies; on notes, bonds, and obligations, discounted by banks, bankers, and certain companies; and on bills of exchange of certain descriptions, was read the second time.

The resolution authorizing the Committee of Accounts to audit and control the accounts for the funeral expenses of Samuel A. Otis, Esquire, late Secretary of the Senate, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved, unanimously,* That this resolution pass, as follows:

"That the Committee of Accounts be authorized to audit and control the accounts for the funeral expenses of Samuel A. Otis, Esquire, late Secretary of the Senate, and for a monument erected to his memory; and that the expenses be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate."

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize a loan for a sum not exceeding three millions of dollars," together with the amendments proposed thereto by Mr. Gore; and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendments to the bill last mentioned were reported by the committee correctly engrossed.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1814.

Mr. Anderson presented the petition of Edward Barry, sailingmaster, and George Hodge, boatswain, in the navy yard of the United States, at Washington, praying indemnification for the loss of household furniture, books, and instruments of navigation, destroyed by the fire, as is stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

*Resolved,* That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered,* That Messrs. Anderson, Dana, and Tait, be the committee.

Mr. Dana submitted the following motions for consideration:

*Resolved,* That the committee to whom was referred so much of the President's message as relates to naval affairs, be instructed to inquire what provision should be made for the appointment of officers above the grade of captain, in the navy of the United States.

*Resolved,* That the same committee be instructed to inquire what provision should be made for conferring naval rank, by brevet, in consideration of meritorious service.

Mr. Giles, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported, in part, a bill making further provision for filling the ranks of the army of the United States; and the bill was read.

*Ordered,* That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Giles also reported, in part, a bill to authorize the President of the United States to call upon the several states and territories thereof for their respective quotas of ——— thousand militia, for the defence of the frontiers of the United States; which was read.

*Ordered,* That it pass to the second reading.

The bill for the relief of Bowie and Kurtz, and others, was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize a loan for a sum not exceeding three millions of dollars," was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved,* That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered,* That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the petty officers and seamen under the command of Captain Joshua Barney; and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly; and,

On the question, to agree to the amendment made in committee of the whole, to strike out, of lines 6 and 7, "and losses:"

It was determined in the negative.

On motion, by Mr. Brown,



*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill supplementary to an act laying duties on notes of banks, bankers, and certain companies; on notes, bonds, and obligations, discounted by banks, bankers, and certain companies; and on bills of exchange of certain descriptions; and, after debate,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1814.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate cause to be procured and delivered to each member of the Senate a copy of the military laws and rules and regulations for the army of the United States.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the resolution requesting the President of the United States to recommend a day of public humiliation, fasting, and prayer.

The bill making further provision for filling the ranks of the army of the United States was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

The bill to authorize the President of the United States to call upon the several states and territories thereof, for their respective quotas of ——— thousand militia, for the defence of the frontiers of the United States, was read the second time.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motions made the 5th instant, by Mr. Dana, for instructing the Committee on Naval Affairs relative to the appointment of naval officers above the grade of captain, and for conferring naval rank by brevet, in consideration of meritorious service; and agreed thereto.

Mr. Fromentin submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be directed to inquire into the causes which may have prevented, till now, a compliance with the following resolutions, passed by the Senate on the 18th March, 1814:

“*Resolved*, That it be the duty of the Secretary of the Navy to devise and digest a system for the better organization of the Department of the Navy of the United States, and to report the same to the Senate at the commencement of their next session.”

“*Resolved*, That it be the duty of the Secretary of the Navy to digest, or cause to be digested, all the laws now in force relative to the naval establishment and marine corps, and to report the same to the Senate at the commencement of their next session.”

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered*, That a member be added to the Committee on Naval Affairs, in place of Mr. Howell; and Mr. Hunter was elected.

Mr. Mason submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested to cause to be laid before the Senate a statement of the number of privates and non-commissioned officers enlisted within each state or territory for the army of the United States, since the commencement of the present war; specifying the year of their enlistments, and the term of time for which they were enlisted; and, also, the number of commissioned officers of each rank in the army of the United States, specifying the number, with their respective ranks, belonging to each state or territory.

Mr. Smith presented the petition of George P. Stevenson and others, merchants and ship owners of the city of Baltimore, praying that the owners of private armed vessels may receive an adequate compensation for every ton of shipping belonging to the enemy, which they shall burn, sink, or destroy, on the high seas; for reasons stated at large in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.



**After the consideration of Executive business,  
The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.**

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1814.**

Mr. Worthington, from the Committee on the Militia of the United States, reported, in part, a bill further in addition to an act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the national defence by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States;" and the bill was read.

**Ordered,** That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made yesterday, by Mr. Fro-  
mentin, in relation to the non-compliance with the resolutions passed by the Senate on  
the 18th March, 1814.

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed the motion made yesterday, by Mr. Mason, requesting a statement of enlistments within each state or territory for the army of the United States since the commencement of the present war; and,

On motion,

*Ordered,* That the further consideration thereof be postponed.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

*Mr. President:* The President of the United States, on the 3d instant, approved and signed the resolution "expressive of the sense of Congress relative to the capture of the British sloop Reindeer by the American sloop Wasp;" also, "An act further extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the General Land Office."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

**A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:**

*Mr. President:* The House of Representatives have appointed a committee on their part, jointly with the committee to be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States and request him to recommend a day of public humiliation, fasting, and prayer, in pursuance of the joint resolution passed for that purpose. And he withdrew.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill making further provision for filling the ranks of the army of the United States.

On motion, by Mr. Mason,

**To strike out the 3d section of the bill amended as follows:**

“ SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, in lieu of the bounty of one hundred and sixty acres of land, now allowed by law, there shall be allowed to each non-commissioned officer and soldier hereafter enlisted, when discharged from service, who shall have obtained from the commanding officer of his company, battalion, or regiment, a certificate that he had faithfully performed his duty whilst in service, three hundred and twenty acres of land, to be surveyed, laid off, and granted, under the same regulations, and in every respect in the manner, now prescribed by law; and the widow and children, and if there be no widow nor child, the parents, of every non-commissioned officer and soldier enlisted according to law, who may be killed or die in the service of the United States, shall be entitled to receive the three hundred and twenty acres of land as aforesaid; but the same shall not pass to collateral relations; any law heretofore passed to the contrary notwithstanding.”

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 6,  
Nays . . . . . 22.

On motion, by Mr. Lacock,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Daggett, Goldsborough, Horsey, Mason, Smith, and Thompson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bledsoe, Brent, Brown, Chace, Condit, Dana, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Giles, Lacock, Lambert, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Wharton.

On motion, by Mr. German,

On motion, by Mr. German,  
To strike out, section 1, line 7, after the word "years," the residue of the section,  
as follows: "which enlistment shall be absolute and binding upon all persons under the  
age of twenty-one years, as well as upon all persons of full age, such recruiting offi-



It was determined in the negative,

{ Yeas . . . . .	9,
{ Nays . . . . .	19.

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,  
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

**On motion.**

*Ordered*, That Mr. Robinson be the committee on the part of the Senate.

**Ordered,** That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

*Ordered,* That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made the 7th instant, by Mr. Mason, which was amended and agreed to, as follows:

The bill further in addition to an act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the national defence by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States," was read the second time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill making further provision for filling the ranks of the army of the United States.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

To strike out, section 2, line 1, after the word "that," "so much of the 5th section of the act passed the twenty-fifth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, entitled 'An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act for the more perfect organization of the army of the United States, as requires the consent in writing of the parent, guardian, or master, to authorize the enlistment of persons under the age of twenty-one years, shall be and the same is hereby repealed:'"

On motion,

It was agreed to take the question by yeas and nays.

After debate,

On motion, by Mr Horsey,

Ordered, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President:* The President of the United States, on the 3d instant, approved and signed the resolution "expressive of the sense of Congress of the gallantry and good conduct with which the reputation of the arms of the United States has been sustained by Major General Brown, Major General Scott, Major General Porter, Major General Gaines, Major General Macomb, and Brigadiers Ripley and Miller."

The House of Representatives have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built



or purchased the vessels therein described," with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Castille, of the city of New Orleans;" in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have directed me to inform the Senate of the accidental loss of the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize a loan for a sum not exceeding three millions of dollars;" and request a substitution of the same. And he withdrew.

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider the message from the House of Representatives, requesting the substitution of the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize a loan for a sum not exceeding three millions of dollars."

On motion, by Mr. King,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. King, Bibb, and Bledsoe, be the committee.

The bill last brought up for concurrence was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built or purchased the vessels therein described;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Resolved*, That they do not concur therein.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1814.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives insist on their amendment disagreed to by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built or purchased the vessels therein described;" they ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and have appointed managers on their part.

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of State, during the continuance of the present war, to make an additional allowance to the owners and masters of vessels for bringing back to the United States destitute and distressed American seamen;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. King, from the committee to whom was referred the message of the House of Representatives of the 9th instant, reported the following order:

*Ordered*, That a copy, duly engrossed, of the amendments made by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing a loan for a sum not exceeding three millions of dollars," be carried by the Secretary of the Senate to the House of Representatives, pursuant to the request contained in their message of the 9th instant.

On the question, Will the Senate concur in the report of the committee?

It was determined in the affirmative.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Fromentin, from the committee, reported the amendments to the bill last mentioned duly engrossed.

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

*Resolved*, That the Senate insist on their disagreement to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built or purchased the vessels therein described," and agree to the conference proposed thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Smith, Tait, and Fromentin, be the managers on the part of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill to extend the time of Oliver Evans' patent for his improvement on steam engines was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Castille, of the city of New Orleans," was read the second time.

Mr. Robinson reported, from the joint committee, that they had yesterday laid before the President of the United States the joint resolution requesting the President of the United States to recommend a day of public humiliation, fasting, and prayer.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill making further provision for filling the ranks of the army of the United States, together with the amendment proposed thereto, yesterday, by Mr. Dana; and, after debate,

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives disagree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize a loan for a sum not exceeding three millions of dollars." And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

That the Senate recede from their amendments to the bill last mentioned,

It was determined in the negative,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots\dots\dots 6, \\ \text{Nays} \dots\dots\dots 26. \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Brown,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Brent, Dana, Morrow, Roberts, and Turner.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bledsoe, Brown, Chace, Condit, Daggett, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Giles, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lacock, Lambert, Mason, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Thompson, Varnum, Walker, Wharton, and Worthington.

On motion, by Mr. Gore,

*Resolved*, That they insist on their amendments, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses; and,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Gore, Giles, and King, be the managers at the said conference on the part of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Giles, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported, in part, sundry documents received from the Secretary for the Department of War, showing the number of men who have been recruited in the army of the United States during the present year; which were read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1814.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of State, during the continuance of the present war, to make an additional allowance to the owners and masters of vessels for bringing back to the United States destitute and distressed American seamen," was read the second time.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill "making further provision for filling the ranks of the army of the United States," together with the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Dana, the 9th instant.

On the question, Will the Senate agree to the amendment proposed?

It was determined in the negative,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots\dots\dots 11, \\ \text{Nays} \dots\dots\dots 21. \end{array} \right.$

It having been agreed to take the question by yeas and nays,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Daggett, Dana, German, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, and Thompson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bledsoe, Brent, Brown, Chace, Condit, Fromentin, Gaillard, Giles, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Varnum, Walker, Wharton, and Worthington.

And the President reported the bill to the House amended.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Smith, from the committee of conference on the amendment of the House of Representatives, to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built or purchased the vessels therein described," reported, that



the conferees had agreed to a modification of the amendment; and the report was read.

On the question, Will the Senate concur in the report of the committee of conference?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Senate concur in the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill last mentioned, so as to adopt the report of the managers at the conference.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives agree to the modification of their amendment to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built or purchased the vessels therein described," as reported by the committee of conference thereon; and concur in the bill amended, accordingly.

They insist on their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize a loan for a sum not exceeding three millions of dollars." They agree to the conference proposed on the subject, and have appointed managers on their part.

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Commissioner of the Revenue to cause a clerk in his office to aid him in signing licences;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12, 1814.

The bill making further provision for filling the ranks of the army of the United States, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act making further provision for filling the ranks of the army of the United States."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Commissioner of the Revenue to cause a clerk in his office to aid him in signing licences," was read the second time.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the publication of the laws of the United States within the territories of the United States;" also, a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Chalmers, jr." in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The two bills last mentioned were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

Mr. Gore, from the managers on the part of the Senate at the conference on the amendments of the Senate, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize a loan for a sum not exceeding three millions of dollars," reported, "that the Senate do recede from their amendments to the said bill, except so much thereof as strikes out the last clause of the fifth section, and do agree, as a substitute therefor, to the two following sections, viz:

"SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That, in addition to the annual sum of eight millions of dollars, heretofore appropriated to the sinking fund, adequate and permanent funds shall, during the present session of Congress, be provided and appropriated for the payment of the interest and the reimbursement of the principal of said stock created by this act."

"SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That an adequate and permanent sinking fund, gradually to reduce and eventually to extinguish the public debt, contracted and to be contracted during the present war, shall also be established during the present session of Congress."

"And that the 6th section of the said bill shall be denominated the 8th section."

On the question, Will the Senate concur in the report of the committee of conference?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Senate so far recede from their amendments to the bill last mentioned, as to agree to the report of the committee of conference.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize the President of the United States to call upon the several states and territories thereof for their respective quotas of ——— thousand men, for the defence of the frontiers of the United States.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

To strike out, section 2, line 7, after the word "of," "two years;" after debate,

On motion, by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives recede from their disagreement to the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing a loan for a sum not exceeding three millions of dollars," so far as to adopt the report of the committee of conference. And he withdrew.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary for the Department of Navy, transmitting a digest of the laws of the United States, in relation to the naval establishment and marine corps, made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate of the 18th March, 1814; which was read.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1814.

Mr. Worthington presented the petition of Benjamin W. Ladd, Joseph Ladd, and Thomas Norvell, stating that, being proprietors of certain warrants for land granted by the state of Virginia to the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on continental establishment, they have caused them to be located on the tract reserved by that state for satisfying similar claims: that, in consequence of the line of the reserve aforesaid being unsettled, the location has been made on lands previously granted by the United States, but it is believed within the limits of the reservation. They therefore pray an indemnification for surrendering the lands thus located, to the occupants claiming by purchase from the United States; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Worthington,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee to whose consideration, on the 21st September, the memorial of the legislature of the Indiana territory was referred, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Commissioner of the Revenue to cause a clerk in his office to aid him in signing licences."

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to morrow.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Chalmers, jr." was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Smith, Worthington, and Dana, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the publication of the laws of the United States within the territories of the United States," was read the second time.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize the President of the United States to call upon the several states and territories thereof, for their respective quotas of ——— thousand militia, for the defence of the frontiers of the United States, together with the amendment proposed by Mr. Anderson, to strike out "two years," the term of service.

On the question, Will the Senate agree to the proposed amendment?

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 15,  
Nays . . . . . 16.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Daggett, Dana, Gaillard, German, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, Robinson, Thompson, Varnum, and Wharton.



Those who voted in the negative, are,  
Messrs. Bibb, Bledsoe, Brent, Brown, Chace, Condit, Fromentin, Giles, Lacock,  
Morrow, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Walker, and Worthington.

On motion, by Mr. German,

To strike out, section 3, after the word "that," in the first line, to the word "act," inclusive, in the 6th line:

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built or purchased the vessels therein described;" also, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize a loan for a sum not exceeding three millions of dollars."

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1814.

Mr. Smith, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Chalmers, jr." reported it without amendment; and the bill was considered as in committee of the whole; and

*Ordered*, That it pass to the third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the publication of the laws of the United States within the territories of the United States;" and, no amendment having been proposed,

*Ordered*, That it pass to the third reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Commissioner of the Revenue to cause a clerk in his office to aid him in signing licences;" and, no amendment having been proposed,

*Ordered*, That it pass to the third reading.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they this day laid before the President of the United States the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

On request,

Mr. Fromentin had leave to withdraw the motions submitted by him the 7th instant, in relation to the non-compliance with the resolutions passed by the Senate on the 18th March, 1814.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize the President of the United States to call upon the several states and territories thereof, for their respective quotas of ——— thousand militia, for the defence of the frontiers of the United States, together with the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. German; and, after debate,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1814.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Navy, containing a system for the better organization of the Department of the Navy of the United States, made in obedience to a resolution of the Senate of the 18th March, 1814.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

The reading thereof was dispensed with; and

*Ordered*, That it be printed for the use of the Senate, and that it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the publication of the laws of the United States within the territories of the United States," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Chalmers, jr." was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Castille, of the city of New Orleans."

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Fromentin, Daggett, and Anderson, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Commissioner of the Revenue to cause a clerk in his office to aid him in signing licences," was read a third time.

On motion, by Mr. King,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. King, Giles, and Bledsoe, be the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have passed a resolution for furnishing the American Antiquarian Society with a copy of the journals of Congress, and of the documents published under their order; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize the President of the United States to call upon the several states and territories thereof for their respective quotas of ——— thousand militia, for the defence of the frontiers of the United States; and, after debate,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1814.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The resolution brought up yesterday for concurrence was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize the President of the United States to call upon the several states and territories thereof for their respective quotas of ——— thousand militia, for the defence of the frontiers of the United States; and sundry amendments having been agreed to,

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Ordered*, That the bill, as amended, be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1814.

After the consideration of Executive business,

Mr. King, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Commissioner of the Revenue to cause a clerk in his office to aid him in signing licences," reported it with amendments, which were considered in committee of the whole, and agreed to; and the President reported the bill to the House amended accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendments to the bill last mentioned were reported by the committee correctly engrossed.

The resolution for furnishing the American Antiquarian Society with a copy of the journals of Congress, and of the documents published under their order, was read the second time.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

*Mr. President*: The President of the United States, on the 15th instant, approved and signed "An act authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built or purchased the vessels therein described."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize the President of the United States to call upon the several states and territories thereof for their respective quotas of ——— thousand militia for the defence of the frontiers of the United States, as amended; and the bill having been further amended,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.



The yeas and nays having been required by one-fifth of the Senators present;

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Chalmers, junior;" also, the enrolled bill, entitled "An act to authorize the publication of the laws of the United States within the territories of the United States."



The Senate resumed the consideration of the motions made the 19th instant, by Mr. Horsey, which were amended and agreed to, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate a statement of the amount of expenditures on account of the national armories, and the number of arms made and repaired at each of the said armories since the 2d day of April, 1794.

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate a statement of the number of arms and equipments purchased or manufactured by, or on account of, the United States, in virtue of the act of 23d April, 1808; as, also, of the number transmitted to each state and territory, for arming the whole body of the militia; together with a statement of the expenditures on account of the said arms and equipments.

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate a statement exhibiting the whole number of arms belonging to the United States, distinguishing what are fit from what are unfit for immediate use; as, also, showing the number distributed for the use of the armies or militia in the service of the United States, other than those distributed under the act of 23d April, 1808, and the number loaned or sold to the states and territories respectively.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Commissioner of the Revenue to cause a clerk in his office to aid him in signing licences." And he withdrew.

The bill to authorize the President of the United States to call upon the several states and territories thereof for their respective quotas of ——— thousand militia for the defence of the frontiers of the United States, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time, and further amended by unanimous consent; and the blanks having been filled,

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

On motion, by Mr. Brent,

It was agreed to take the question by yeas and nays.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to morrow morning.

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1814.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to appoint a clerk in the office of the Commissioner of the Revenue, with power to sign licences."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives have passed a resolution appointing a committee on their part, to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to inquire and report whether Congress may not be more conveniently accommodated, either by an alteration of the present chambers, or by procuring other rooms within a convenient distance of the public offices; in which resolution they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed the third reading of the bill to authorize the President of the United States to call upon the several states and territories thereof for their respective quotas of ——— thousand militia for the defence of the frontiers of the United States.

On motion, by Mr. Gore,

That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs, with the following instructions:

"That the committee be instructed so to modify the bill that it shall provide for calling into the service of the United States, from time to time, in execution of the provisions of the constitution, and according to the mode heretofore practised, ——— thousand militia, to serve for terms not exceeding nine months; with an option to the several states, in lieu of such detachments of militia, to raise and furnish, for the service of the United States, for the term of two years, unless sooner discharged, bodies of state troops equal in number to their respective quotas of militia; such state troops to be organized, armed, and equipped, according to law; their officers to be appointed by the respective states; their services to be limited within the states in which they shall be raised, or within an adjoining state; to be subject to the rules and articles of war, and

On the call of Mr. Dana,

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 13,  
Nays . . . . . 19.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 19,  
{ Nays . . . . . 12.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

So it was

*Ordered,* That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The Senate being informed of the decease of their distinguished fellow-citizen,  
Elbridge Gerry, Vice-President of the United States,

Ordered, That Messrs. Gore, Varnum, Smith, Anderson, and Gaillard, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Bledsoe,

Ordered, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives of the decease of the Vice President of the United States, and communicate the foregoing resolution.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President:* The House of Representatives concur in the resolution of the Senate for the appointment of a joint committee to consider and report measures proper to manifest the public respect for the memory of the Vice President of the United States, deceased; and have appointed a committee on their part. And he withdrew.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

On motion, by Mr. Gore,

*Resolved, unanimously, That, from an unfeigned respect to the late Elbridge Gerry, Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate, the chair of the President of the Senate be shrouded with black during the present session; and, as a further testimony of respect for the memory of the deceased, the members of the Senate will go into mourning, and wear black crape round the left arm for thirty days.*



On motion,

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1814.**

On motion, by Mr. Brent,

That the Senate now proceed to the election of a President pro tempore,

**Mr. German submitted the following motion:**

*Resolved*, That the Senate will, on Monday next, at 12 o'clock, proceed to the

On the question, Shall this resolution pass?

It was determined in the negative      { Yeas . . . . . 10,

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

The yeas and nays having been required by a majority of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Daggett, Dana, German, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, Lambert,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

**Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bledsoe, Brent, Brown, Chace, Condit, Fromentin, Gail-**

Walker, and Wharton.

Whereupon,

On motion, by Mr. Brent,

*Resolved*, That the Senate now proceed to the choice of a President pro tempore,

**The Honorable John Gaillard was elected.**

On motion, by Mr. Bibb.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary wait on the President of the United States, and acquaint

**Ordered,** That the Secretary make a similar communication to the House of Repre-

Mr Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had, on the 22d instant, laid

The resolution brought up from the House of Representatives the 22d instant, for

*Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.*

The resolution for furnishing the American Antiquarian Society with a copy of the

*Resolved,* That this resolution pass.

**Ordered,** That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill,

Mr. Smith was requested to take the chair.

On motion, by Mr. Gaillard,

The bill having been amended, so as to include the non-commissioned officers and

On motion, by Mr. Brown,

*Ordered,* That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the first Monday

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill

supplementary to an act laying duties on notes of banks, bankers, and certain com-

anies; on notes, bonds, and obligations, discounted by banks, bankers, and certain

companies; and on bills of exchange of certain descriptions; and, no amendment has been proposed.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

The resolution from the House of Representatives, appointing a committee on their part to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to inquire



*Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.*

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

So it was

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

*Resolved, That this bill pass.*

Mr. Tait, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred two resolutions of the 7th instant, "instructing them to inquire what provision should be made for the appointment of officers above the grade of captain in the navy of the United States;" and, also, "to inquire what provision should be made for conferring naval rank by brevet, in consideration of meritorious service," made report, together with the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient, at this time, to make any provision for conferring naval rank by brevet.

The report, together with the resolutions, were read.

On motion,

On motion,  
*Ordered*, That the report be printed for the use of the Senate.

On request, by Mr. Tait,

On request, by Mr. Tait,  
Mr. Giles had leave of absence for three weeks from the 23d instant.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to extend the time of Oliver Evans' patent for his improvement on steam engines; and sundry amendments having been agreed to, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

On motion,

On motion,  
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,  
Messrs. Anderson, Bledsoe, Brown, Chace, Condit, Dana, Fromentin, Gaillard, Ger-  
man, Horsey, Hunter, Lambert, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Smith, Tait, Turner,  
Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Those who voted in the negative, are,  
Messrs. Bibb, Brent, Daggett, Goldsborough, Lacey, Mason, Taylor, and Thompson.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the joint Library Committee of Congress, to whom the sub-

ject was referred, reported a bill to authorize the purchase of the library of Thomas Jefferson, late President of the United States; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1814.**

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of State, during the continuance of the present war, to make an additional allowance to the owners and masters of vessels for bringing back to the United States destitute and distressed American seamen;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Castille, of the city of New Orleans;" also, a "resolution for furnishing the American Antiquarian Society with a copy of the journals of Congress, and of the documents published under their order."

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Bowie and Kurtz, and others; and,

The following amendment was proposed, by Mr. Bledsoe:

Strike out, from the word "of," in the seventh line, to the end of the bill, and insert, "as a full compensation for the freight of the ship Allegany from Algiers to Gibraltar."

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Friday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The President of the United States, on the 21st instant, approved and signed "An act for the relief of John Chalmers, junior;" also, "An act to authorize the publication of the laws of the United States within the territories of the United States;" and, on the 22d instant, "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to appoint a clerk in the office of the Commissioner of the Revenue, with power to sign licences." The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on spirits distilled within the United States, and by amending the act laying duties on licences to distillers of spirituous liquors;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The resolution from the House of Representatives appointing a committee on their part, to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to inquire and report whether Congress may not be more conveniently accommodated, either by an alteration of the present chambers, or by procuring other rooms within a convenient distance of the public offices, was read a third time.

On the question, Shall this resolution pass?

It was determined in the negative,    } Yeas . . . . . 11,  
  { Nays . . . . . 19.

On motion, by Mr. Brent,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Dana, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, Lambert, and Mason.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bledsoc, Brent, Chace, Condit, Daggett, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1814.**

Mr. Fromentin, from the committee, reported the bill to extend the time of Oliver Evans' patent for his improvement on steam engines correctly engrossed; and,

On motion, by Mr. Brown,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on spirits distilled



within the United States, and by amending the act laying duties on licences to distillers of spirituous liquors," was read the second time.

A motion was made, by Mr. Daggett, to refer the said bill to a select committee; and,

On motion, by Mr. Bledsoe,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills and an enrolled resolution, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the two enrolled bills and the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Anderson submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee to whom was referred so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to naval affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law that the officers and crews of the vessels authorized to be built or purchased, by an act passed the fifteenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, may be entitled to receive the whole of the prize money which may arise from the sale of such vessel or vessels and their cargoes, as they may capture, and which may be condemned as good prize according to law; and that the committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

The Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions reported, on the 28th instant, by the Committee on Naval Affairs; and, having agreed to the first resolution,

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the second resolution be postponed to the first Monday in January next.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

*Ordered*, That the first resolution be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, with instructions to report a bill agreeably to the provisions thereof.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill further in addition to an act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the national defence by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill to authorize the purchase of the library of Thomas Jefferson, late President of the United States, was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole.

On motion, by Mr. Hunter,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1814.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made yesterday, by Mr. Daggett, to refer to a select committee, to consist of five members, the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on spirits distilled within the United States, and by amending the act laying duties on licences to distillers of spirituous liquors," to consider and report thereon; and agreed thereto.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Taylor, Bledsoe, Brown, Chace, and Daggett, be the committee.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill in addition to an act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the national defence by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States."

On motion, by Mr. Turner,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States*:

I transmit, for the information of Congress, the communications last received from the ministers extraordinary and plenipotentiary of the United States at Ghent, explaining the course and actual state of their negotiations with the plenipotentiaries of Great Britain.

December 1, 1814.

JAMES MADISON.

The message and communications therein referred to were read.

On motion, by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That five hundred copies thereof be printed for the use of the Senate.

After the consideration of Executive business,

**The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1814.**

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had, on the 30th ultimo, laid before the President of the United States the two enrolled bills and the enrolled resolution last reported to have been examined.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary for the Department of the Navy, on the petition of Edward Bland and others, referred to him the 17th of October; and the report was read.

On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That the report, together with the accompanying documents, be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made the 30th ultimo, by Mr. Anderson, for instructing the Committee on Naval Affairs to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law, in relation to officers and crews of certain vessels; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize the purchase of the library of Thomas Jefferson, late President of the United States; and, no amendment having been proposed,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

**A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:**

*Mr. President:* The President of the United States, on the 1st instant, approved and signed "An act authorizing the Secretary of State, during the continuance of the present war, to make an additional allowance to the owners and masters of vessels for bringing back to the United States destitute and distressed American seamen;" "An act for the relief of John Castille, of the city of New Orleans;" also, a resolution for furnishing the American Antiquarian Society with a copy of the journals of Congress, and of the documents published under their order. The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government and maintaining the public credit by duties on carriages, and the harness used therefor;" also, a bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government and maintaining the public credit by duties on sales at auction, on the postage of letters, and on licences to retail wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The two bills last mentioned were read.

**Ordered,** That they severally pass to the second reading.

The engrossed bill to extend the time of Oliver Evans' patent for his improvement on steam engines having been reported by the committee correct, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to extend the time of Oliver Evans' patent for his improvement on steam engines."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill further in addition to an act, entitled "An act more effectually to provide for the national defence by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States."

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the first Monday in December next,

It was determined in the affirmative,

	{ Yeas . . . . .	16,
	{ Nays . . . . .	12.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, and Walker.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bledsoe, Chace, Condit, Gaillard, German, Lacock, Mor-  
row, Roberts, Varnum, and Wharton.



Mr. King, from the committee to whom was referred, on the 31st of October, the petition of David M. Clarkson and others, citizens of New York, praying the establishment of a national bank, reported a bill to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States of America; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Bowie and Kurtz and others; and

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be further postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Tuesday next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1814.

The bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government and maintaining the public credit by duties on sales at auction, on the postage of letters, and on licences to retail wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Turner,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred, the 1st instant, the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government and maintaining the public credit by laying duties on spirits distilled within the United States, and by amending the act laying duties on licences to distillers of spirituous liquors," to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government and maintaining the public credit by duties on carriages, and the harness used therefor," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee last mentioned, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of appropriating the lands reserved for the use of schools in the Mississippi territory, and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Bibb, Morrow, and Wharton, be the committee.

The bill to authorize the purchase of the library of Thomas Jefferson, late President of the United States, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to authorize the purchase of the library of Thomas Jefferson, late President of the United States."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1814.

Mr. Daggett presented the petition of John C. Hurlburt, late of Chatham, in the district of Connecticut, now a prisoner confined in jail at Hartford, in said district, for an alleged violation of the embargo law, as is stated in the petition, and praying relief, for reasons therein stated; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Daggett,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Daggett, Thompson, and Chace, be the committee.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government and maintaining the public credit by laying duties on spirits distilled within the United States, and by amending the act laying duties on licences to distillers of spirituous liquors," reported it with amendments.

Mr. Taylor, from the same committee, also reported the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government and maintaining the public credit by duties on carriages, and the harness used therefor," without amendment.

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 10,  
Nays . . . . . 19.



*Mr. President:* The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act directing the staff officers of the army to comply with the requisitions of naval and

The bill, entitled "An act making additional appropriations for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen," was read the second time by unanimous consent.



On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee to whom was referred, the 1st instant, the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government and maintaining the public credit by laying duties on spirits distilled within the United States, and by amending the act laying duties on licences to distillers of spirituous liquors," to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act supplemental to the acts authorizing a loan for the several sums of twenty-five millions of dollars, and three millions of dollars," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee last mentioned, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act directing the staff officers of the army to comply with the requisitions of naval and marine officers in certain cases," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to accept the services of volunteers who may associate and organize themselves and offer their services to the government of the United States," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act to provide for widows and orphans of militia and volunteer soldiers who shall die or be killed in the service of the United States," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Militia of the United States, to consider and report thereon.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government and maintaining the public credit by laying duties on spirits distilled within the United States, and by amending the act laying duties on licences to distillers of spirituous liquors," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

The title was amended, by inserting, after "states," the words, "and territories thereof."

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The bill for the relief of John C. Hurlburt, of Chatham, in the state of Connecticut, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of John C. Hurlburt, of Chatham, in the state of Connecticut."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Bowie and Kurtz and others.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act laying duties on notes of banks, bankers, and certain companies; on notes, bonds, and obligations, discounted by banks, bankers, and certain companies; and on bills of exchange of certain descriptions;" also, the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for filling the ranks of the army of the United States."

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States of America.

On motion, by Mr. King,

To strike out, of section 2, line 11, after the word "states," the following words: "or in the public debt of the United States, contracted by virtue of the act of Congress, entitled "An act authorizing a loan for a sum not exceeding eleven millions of dollars," passed the fourteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twelve,

or contracted, or to be contracted, by virtue of any subsequent act and acts of Congress heretofore passed authorizing a loan or loans," and insert, in lieu thereof, "or in any public debt of the United States, bearing at the time of payment an interest of six per centum annually:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 11,  
Nays . . . . . 19.

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Daggett, Fromentin, German, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, and Thompson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bledsoe, Brent, Brown, Chace, Condit, Gaillard, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

To strike out, of section 2, line 27, after the word "paid," the word "twenty," and insert, in lieu thereof, "sixty:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 10,  
Nays . . . . . 19.

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Daggett, Fromentin, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, and Mason.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bledsoe, Brent, Chace, Condit, Gaillard, German, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

On motion, by Mr. King,

To add a new section to the bill, as follows:

"SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That if the said corporation shall do, or cause, or permit to be done or transacted, on its behalf or for its use, any matter or thing injurious to the public welfare, and not authorized by this act, or shall neglect to do any matter or thing which it shall be the duty of said corporation to do, it shall, in each and every such case, be competent and lawful for Congress to repeal so much of this act as allows the notes of the said corporation to be received in payment to the United States:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 13,  
Nays . . . . . 18.

On motion, by Mr. King,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, German, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, and Thompson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bledsoe, Brent, Chace, Condit, Gaillard, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

On motion, by Mr. German,

To add a new section to the bill, as follows:

"*And be it further enacted*, That Congress may repeal so much of this act as relates to the payment of the public revenue in the bills of the said bank:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 10,  
Nays . . . . . 21.

On motion, by Mr. German,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Dana, Fromentin, German, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, King, Lambert, Mason, and Thompson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bledsoe, Brent, Brown, Chace, Condit, Daggett, Gaillard, Hunter, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

And the President reported the bill to the House amended.



It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 18,  
Nays . . . . . 13.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

On the question, Shall this bill pass:  
It was determined in the affirmative,

{ Yeas . . . . .	17,
{ Nays . . . . .	14.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb;

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are;

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bledsoe, Brent, Chace, Condit, Lacombe, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, and Thompson.

So it was

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the bank of the United States of America."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1814.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by duties on carriages, and the harness used therefor," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The bill, entitled "An act directing the staff officers of the army to comply with the requisitions of naval and marine officers in certain cases," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act making additional appropriations for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1814.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had, on the 10th instant, laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act laying duties on notes of banks, bankers, and certain companies; on notes, bonds, and obligations, discounted by banks, bankers, and certain companies; and on bills of exchange of certain descriptions;" also, the enrolled bill, entitled "An act making further provision for filling the ranks of the army of the United States."

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill authorizing the appointment of certain naval officers therein named; and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

*Mr. President*: The President of the United States, on the 10th instant, approved and signed "An act making further provision for filling the ranks of the army of the United States;" also, "An act supplementary to an act laying duties on notes of banks, bankers, and certain companies; on notes, bonds, and obligations, discounted by banks, bankers, and certain companies; and on bills of exchange of certain descriptions."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On request, by Mr. Smith,

Mr. Goldsborough had leave of absence for three weeks.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1814.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made the 8th instant for the choice of an assistant doorkeeper.



On motion, by Mr. German,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the first Monday in January next.

The bill authorizing the appointment of certain naval officers therein named having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time, and the blanks were filled.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act authorizing the appointment of certain naval officers therein named."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by duties on sales at auction, on the postage of letters, and on licences to retail wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise;" reported it with amendments.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act directing the staff officers of the army to comply with the requisitions of naval and marine officers in certain cases;" also, the bill, entitled "An act making additional appropriations for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen."

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill for the relief of Bowie and Kurtz, and others; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until the second Monday in January next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1814.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by duties on carriages, and the harness used therefor."

They concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on spirits distilled within the United States, and by amending the act laying duties on licences to distillers of spirituous liquors, except the amendment to the tenth section, and the amendment striking out the twenty-fifth section of the bill, and that they disagree to the said amendment to the tenth section, and to the striking out the said twenty-fifth section.

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by duties on sales at auction, on the postage of letters, and on licences to retail wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and the amendments were agreed to.

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

To strike out the second section of the bill, as follows:

"Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, from and after the first day of February next, there shall be added to the rates of postage, as at present established by law, a sum equal to fifty per centum upon the amount of such rates respectively, for the use of the United States. And the said additional sum of fifty per centum shall be charged, collected, paid, and accounted for, in like manner, by the same officers, subject in all respects to the same regulations and provisions, and with the like fines, penalties, forfeitures, and remedies, for breaches of the law, as are provided for charging, collecting, and paying the original rates of postage to which the said sum of fifty per centum is hereby added and attached."

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 11,  
 { Nays . . . . . 14.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Daggett, Dana, German, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, Smith, and Thompson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Bledsoe, Chace, Condit, Fromentin, Gaillard, Morrow, Roberts, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

And the bill having been further amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

To insert, in section 5, line 9, after the word "act," the following words, "except the rates of postage:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 14,  
 { Nays . . . . . 12.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Bledsoe, Dana, Gaillard, German, Horsey, Lambert, Roberts, Tait, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Varnum, and Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Chace, Condit, Daggett, Fromentin, Gore, Hunter, King, Mason, Morrow, Smith, and Walker.

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Gore gave notice that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a bill authorizing payment to the widow of Elbridge Gerry, deceased, late Vice President of the United States, of such salary as would have been payable to him during the residue of the term for which he was elected, had he so long lived.

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government and maintaining the public credit by laying duties on spirits distilled within the United States, and by amending the act laying duties on licences to distillers of spirituous liquors."

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Resolved*, That they insist on their amendment to the tenth section.

On motion, by Mr. German,

That they insist on their amendment, striking out the twenty-fifth section of the bill,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 14,  
 { Nays . . . . . 9.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Condit, Daggett, Dana, Gaillard, German, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, Smith, Thompson, and Varnum.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Bledsoe, Chace, Morrow, Roberts, Tait, Taylor, Turner, and Wharton.

So it was

*Resolved*, That the Senate insist on their amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives, and ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Taylor, King, and Bledsoe, be the managers at the said conference on the part of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1814.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the



On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

*Ordered*, That the bill last mentioned, as amended by the House of Representatives, be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

*Resolved*, That the resolution which passed the Senate on the 7th instant, calling for a specification of the various post offices in the states respectively, &c. be, and the same is hereby, rescinded.

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate a statement containing a specification of the various post offices in the states respectively, of the emoluments of the postmasters, and the amount of expenditures incident to their respective offices, from the first day of January, 1814, to the first day of July, in the same year; and, also, the amount of the gross and nett revenue derived therefrom during the same period.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1814.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had, on the 15th instant, laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act making additional appropriations for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen;" the enrolled bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by duties on carriages, and the harness used therefor;" also, the enrolled bill, entitled "An act directing the staff officers of the army to comply with the requisitions of naval and marine officers in certain cases."

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1814.

The bill authorizing payment to the widow of Elbridge Gerry, deceased, late Vice President of the United States, of such salary as would have been payable to him during the residue of the term for which he was elected, had he so long lived, was read the second time and considered as in committee of the whole; and no amendment having been agreed to,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas . . . . . 14,} \\ \text{Nays . . . . . 12.} \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Chace, Daggett, Fromentin, Gaillard, Gore, Hunter, King, Mason, Robinson, Smith, Tait, Taylor, and Thompson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bledsoe, Condit, German, Lacock, Lambert, Morrow, Roberts, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

Mr. Fromentin, from the committee, reported the bill last mentioned correctly engrossed.

Mr. Taylor, from the managers on the part of the Senate, at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on spirits distilled within the United States and territories thereof, and by amending the act laying duties on licences to distillers of spirituous liquors," reported:

"That the said managers have met and conferred with the managers on the part of the House of Representatives, and have agreed with them to recommend to the Senate to amend the amendment to the tenth section, to strike out the whole of the tenth section:

"That the Senate do recede from their amendment, to strike out the 25th section of said bill.

"And, to conform the 18th section to the amendments in other parts of the bill, by



which 'February' was inserted in lieu of 'January,' in line 13, of said section, to strike out 'January,' and insert 'February.'

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the managers on their part, at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, on the bill last mentioned.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That they so far recede from their amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives, as to adopt the report of the committee of conference.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Brown, from the committee on so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to military affairs, to whom were referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to call upon the several states and territories thereof for their respective quotas of eighty thousand four hundred and thirty militia, for the defence of the frontiers of the United States against invasion," together with the bill, reported, that the Senate concur therein, in part, with certain modifications.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1814.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The President of the United States, on the 15th instant, approved and signed "An act making additional appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen;" "An act directing the staff officers of the army to comply with the requisitions of naval and marine officers in certain cases;" also, "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on carriages, and the harness used therefor." The House of Representatives concur in all the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by duties on sales at auction, on the postage of letters, and on licences to retail wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise," except the amendment to the fifth section, to which amendment they disagreed. They have passed a bill, entitled "An act giving further time to locate certain claims to lands, confirmed by an act of Congress, entitled "An act confirming certain claims to lands in the district of Vincennes;" a bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on various goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured within the United States;" also, a bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, on horses kept exclusively for the saddle or carriage, and on gold and silver watches;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The three bills last mentioned were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to call upon the several states and territories thereof for their respective quotas of eighty thousand four hundred and thirty militia, for the defence of the frontiers of the United States against invasion," together with the report of the select committee thereon.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That they agree to some, and disagree to other amendments of the House of Representatives to this bill.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendment, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by duties on sales at auction, on the postage of letters, and on licences to retail wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise."

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That they recede therefrom.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The engrossed bill authorizing payment to the widow of Elbridge Gerry, deceased;

late Vice President of the United States, of such salary as would have been payable to him during the residue of the term for which he was elected, had he so long lived, having been reported correct, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act authorizing payment to the widow of Elbridge Gerry, deceased, late Vice President of the United States, of such salary as would have been payable to him during the residue of the term for which he was elected, had he so long lived."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1814.

The credentials of the Honorable Jonathan Roberts, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the state of Pennsylvania, for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth of March next, were read.

*Ordered*, That they lie on file.

Mr. Gore submitted the following motion for consideration, which was read and passed to the second reading.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to pay, out of the contingent fund, the expenses incurred for the funeral of the late Vice President of the United States, whenever the same shall have been allowed and certified by the committee of arrangement.

The bill, entitled "An act giving further time to locate certain claims to lands, confirmed by an act Congress, entitled 'An act confirming certain claims to lands in the district of Vincennes,'" was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred, on the 2d September, the memorial of the legislature of the Indiana territory, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on various goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured within the United States," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred, the 1st instant, the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on spirits distilled within the United States and the territories thereof, and by amending the act laying duties on licenses to distillers of spirituous liquors," to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, on horses kept exclusively for the saddle or carriage, and on gold and silver watches," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee last mentioned, to consider and report thereon.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1814.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives agree to the report of the committee of conference on the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on spirits distilled within the United States and territories thereof, and by amending the act laying duties on licences to distillers of spirituous liquors." And he withdrew.

The resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Senate to pay, out of the contingent fund, the expenses incurred for the funeral of the late Vice President, was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and, no amendment having been proposed,



On the question, Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on spirits distilled within the United States and territories thereof, and by amending the act laying duties on licences to distillers of spirituous liquors."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President:* The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to the acts authorizing a loan for the several sums of twenty-five millions of dollars, and three millions of dollars," reported it with amendments, which were considered as in committee of the whole and agreed to; and the President reported the bill to the House amended accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The President communicated a letter from the Honorable Thomas Worthington, notifying the resignation of his seat in the Senate; which was read.

Mr. Hunter submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved,* That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before the Senate the force and condition of the vessels of war of the United States on Lake Ontario, and such information as he may possess of the force and condition of the vessels of war of the enemy on the same Lake; and such information as he may deem it proper to communicate of the means and preparation requisite for the purpose of acquiring and maintaining the naval ascendancy on said Lake, if an intention to that effect be contemplated on the part of the United States.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1814.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had, on the 21st instant, laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on spirits distilled within the United States and territories thereof, and by amending the act laying duties on licences to distillers of spirituous liquors."

The resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Senate to pay, out of the contingent fund, the expenses incurred for the funeral of the late Vice President, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved,* That this resolution pass, as follows:

"That the Secretary of the Senate be authorized to pay, out of the contingent fund, the expenses incurred for the funeral of the late Vice President of the United States, whenever the same shall have been allowed and certified by the committee of arrangement."

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to the acts authorizing a loan for the several sums of twenty-five millions of dollars, and three millions of dollars," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved,* That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered,* That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made yesterday, by Mr. Hunter, relative to vessels of war on Lake Ontario.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

It was agreed to take the question by yeas and nays.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered,* That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act giving further time to locate certain claims to lands confirmed by an act of Congress,

entitled 'An act confirming certain claims to lands in the district of Vincennes,' reported it without amendment; and the bill was considered as in committee of the whole, and amended; and the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Lacock presented the memorial of William Gamble, stating, that he had been appointed, on the 15th of February, 1806, inspector of the customs in the district of Niagara, and had performed the duties confided to him, for which he had not received adequate compensation, as is stated in the memorial; and praying relief; and the memorial was read.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1814.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by duties on sales at auction, and on licences to retail wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise, and for increasing the rates of postage."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President:* The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate, for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives insist on their amendments disagreed to by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to call upon the several states and territories thereof for their respective quotas of eighty thousand four hundred and thirty militia, for the defence of the frontiers of the United States against invasion." They ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and have appointed managers on their part. They have passed a bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

*Ordered,* That it pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Brown,

*Resolved,* That the Senate insist on their disagreement to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to call upon the several states and territories thereof for their respective quotas of eighty thousand four hundred and thirty militia, for the defence of the frontiers of the United States against invasion;" and agree to the conference proposed thereon.

*Ordered,* That Messrs. Bibb, Brown, and German, be the managers on the part of the Senate.

*Ordered,* That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States,

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act giving further time to locate certain claims to lands confirmed by an act of Congress, entitled 'An act confirming certain claims to lands in the district of Vincennes,'" having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended, and further amended by unanimous consent.

*Resolved,* That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered,* That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made the 21st instant, by Mr. Hunter, relative to vessels of war on Lake Ontario.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the second Monday in March next,



It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 15,  
 { Nays . . . . . 12.

On motion, by Mr. Turner,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Bledsoe, Chace, Condit, Gaillard, German, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, Gore, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, Smith, Tait, and Thompson.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on various goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured within the United States," reported it with amendments.

On motion, by Mr. Lacock,

*Resolved*, That the memorial of William Gamble, presented the 22d instant, be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Lacock, Chace, and German, be the committee.

Mr. Bibb, from the committee, appointed the 3d instant, to consider the subject, reported a bill to provide for leasing certain lands reserved for the use of schools in the Mississippi territory; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1814.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred, the 1st instant, the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on spirits distilled within the United States and territories thereof, and by amending the act laying duties on licences to distillers of spirituous liquors," to consider and report thereon.

The bill to provide for leasing certain lands reserved for the support of schools in the Mississippi territory, was read the second time and considered as in committee of the whole.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Monday next.

Mr. Bibb, from the managers appointed on the part of the Senate, to confer with those appointed by the House of Representatives, on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the bill "to authorize the President of the United States to call upon the several states and territories thereof for their respective quotas of eighty thousand four hundred and thirty militia, for the defence of the frontiers of the United States against invasion," reported:

"That a conference has been had, and the managers have agreed to recommend to their respective houses—

"1. That, in lieu of the amendment proposed by the House of Representatives, to strike out the words 'two years,' and to insert 'one year,' in the 4th line of the first section, the words 'eighteen months' be inserted; and that the same modification be made where the words 'two years' occur in other parts of the bill.

"2. That the House of Representatives recede from their amendment proposed to be inserted at the end of the 4th line of the first section, after the word 'discharged.'

"3. That the Senate recede from their disagreement to the amendment which proposes to strike out the 7th section.

"4. That the House of Representatives agree to the modifications proposed by the Senate to their amendments in the ninth section."

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1814.

Mr. Daggett presented several petitions, signed by a great number of the inhabitants of the state of Connecticut, remonstrating against the transportation and opening of the mail on the Sabbath; and the petitions were read.

On motion, by Mr. Daggett,

*Resolved*, That they be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Daggett, Smith, and Morrow, be the committee.

Mr. Thompson presented several petitions signed by a great number of the inhabitants of the state of New Hampshire, on the same subject; which were read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Thompson,

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee last mentioned, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act giving further time to locate certain claims to lands, confirmed by an act of Congress, entitled 'An act confirming certain claims to lands in the district of Vincennes;'" also, the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to the acts authorizing a loan for the several sums of twenty-five millions of dollars, and three millions of dollars."

Mr. King presented the memorial of William Bryar and others, manufacturers of tobacco in the city of New York, praying that a specific duty may be laid, instead of an ad valorem, on manufactured tobacco, as proposed by the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on various goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured within the United States," for reasons stated at large in the memorial; which was read.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act giving further time to locate certain claims to lands, confirmed by an act of Congress, entitled 'An act confirming certain claims to lands in the district of Vincennes;'" also, in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to the acts authorizing a loan for the several sums of twenty five millions of dollars, and three millions of dollars."

The President of the United States, on the 21st instant, approved and signed "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on spirits distilled within the United States and territories thereof, and by amending the act laying duties on licences to distillers of spirituous liquors;" and, on the 23d instant, "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by duties on sales at auction, and on licences to retail wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise, and for increasing the rates of postage"

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to provide for leasing certain lands reserved for the use of schools in the Mississippi Territory; and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on various goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured within the United States," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and the amendments having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly, and it was further amended; and,

On motion, by Mr. German,

To strike out, of section 1, lines 12 and 13, the words, "made wholly or in part by machinery;"



On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The President communicated a representation of the commissioners appointed by the act "providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi Territory," stating their inability, without neglecting their official duties, to perform the duties therein enjoined; and the representation was read.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Taylor, Hunter, and Gore, be the committee.

Mr. Roberts reported from the committee that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

After the consideration of Executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1814.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill to provide for leasing certain lands reserved for the support of schools in the Mississippi Territory; and the bill was further amended.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on various goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured within the United States," together with the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. German; and the amendment was agreed to; and the bill further amended; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

To add a new section to the bill, as follows:

"*And be it further enacted*, That the duties hereby laid shall and may be drawn back upon all articles on which duty is laid by the first section of this act after the ninety days, which shall be exported from the United States: Provided, That no drawback shall be allowed on any exportation as aforesaid, in any instance where the same shall amount to less than twelve dollars:"

It was determined in the negative,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots\dots\dots 13, \\ \text{Nays} \dots\dots\dots 15. \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Dana, Fromentin, German, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, Smith, Thompson, Walker, and Wells.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Bledsoe, Chase, Condit, Daggett, Gaillard, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Wharton.

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, on horses kept exclusively for the saddle or carriage, and on gold and silver watches," reported it with amendments.

Mr. King submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be, and is hereby, requested, pursuant to the act, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments," to cause to be laid before the Senate a statement of the contingent expenses of the Navy Department; and, also, a statement of all purchases and contracts for supplies or services, made by or under the authority of the Navy Department, in the respective years 1812, 1813, and 1814, specifying the names of persons from whom purchases or with whom contracts have been made, the places of delivery, the prices, the amount of money advanced or paid, and the quantity of articles supplied.

Mr. Daggett submitted the following motion, which was read and passed to the second reading:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three members be appointed, who, jointly with such committee as may be appointed by the House of Representatives, shall be a committee to inquire into the expenses of stationery, printing, and binding, under the authority of both Houses of Congress, and into the expediency of establishing permanent rules for regulating and conducting the printing and binding, and for the supply of stationery, of the Senate and House of Representatives, and to report thereupon.

After the consideration of Executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1814.**

Mr Taylor, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Hunter, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built, equipped, and employed, one or more floating batteries for the defence of the waters of the United States; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the motion made the 27th instant, by Mr. King, for statements of the contingent expenses, purchases, and contracts, for the Navy Department.

On motion, by Mr. King,

It was agreed to take the question by yeas and nays; and,

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to inquire into the expenses of the printing, &c. of Congress, and into the expediency of establishing permanent rules for regulating the same, was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and,

On the question, Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, on horses kept exclusively for the saddle or carriage, and on gold and silver watches," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

To agree to the first amendment reported by the select committee, as follows:

After the word "scale," section 1, line 8, strike out to the word "dollars," in the 26th line, and in lieu thereof, insert the following:

"If above one hundred dollars and not exceeding five hundred dollars, thirty cents on every hundred dollars of the whole value.

"If above five hundred and not exceeding one thousand dollars, thirty-five cents on every hundred dollars of the whole value.

"If above one thousand and not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars, forty cents upon every hundred dollars of the whole value.

"If above fifteen hundred and not exceeding two thousand dollars, forty-five cents upon every hundred dollars of the whole value.

"If above two thousand and not exceeding three thousand dollars, fifty cents on every hundred dollars of the whole value.

"If above three thousand and not exceeding four thousand dollars, sixty cents on every hundred dollars of the whole value.

"If above four thousand and not exceeding five thousand dollars, seventy cents on every hundred dollars of the whole value.

"If above five thousand and not exceeding six thousand dollars, eighty cents on every hundred dollars of the whole value.

"If above six thousand and not exceeding seven thousand dollars, ninety cents on every hundred dollars of the whole value.

"If above seven thousand and not exceeding eight thousand dollars, one hundred cents on every hundred dollars of the whole value.

"If above eight thousand and not exceeding nine thousand dollars, one hundred and ten cents on every hundred dollars of the whole value.

"If above nine thousand and not exceeding ten thousand dollars, one hundred and twenty cents on every hundred dollars of the whole value.



A division of the question was called for by Mr. Varnum, and it was taken on striking out,

And determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 22.  
{ Nays . . . . . 3.

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Bledsoe, Chace, Daggett, Fromentin, Gaillard, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Walker, and Wells.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Condit, Varnum, and Wharton.

The question recurring on inserting the proposed amendment,

It was determined in the affirmative,

{ Yeas . . . . .	20,
{ Nays . . . . .	4.

On motion, by Mr. Robinson,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Bledsoe, Chace, Daggett, Fromentin, Gaillard, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, and Walker.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Condit, Varnum, Wells, and Wharton.

The second amendment reported by the committee was agreed to.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

**To strike out, section 1, lines 28 to 37, inclusive, the following:**

“That there shall be, and hereby is, likewise imposed an annual duty of one dollar on every horse chiefly used for the saddle; and of one dollar and fifty cents on every horse chiefly used for any carriage liable to duty under the act, entitled ‘An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by duties on carriages and the harness used therefor;’ and of one dollar and fifty cents for every horse so kept both for the saddle and carriage; which duty shall be paid by the owner of such horse:”

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas . . . . .	11,
	{ Nays . . . . .	17.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, Smith, Turner, and Wells.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Bledsoe, Brown, Chace, Condit, Gaillard, German, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Tait, Taylor, Thompson, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

And the bill having been further amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question to agree to the amendment made in committee of the whole, to strike out, of section 1, line 7, the word "two," and to insert, in lieu thereof, "one:"

It was determined in the negative,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot 10, \\ \text{Nays} \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot \cdot 19. \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. German,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Chace, Daggett, Fromentin, Hunter, King, Mason, Morrow, Smith, and Taylor.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Bledsoe, Condit, Dana, Gaillard, German, Gore, Horsey, Lacock, Lambert, Roberts, Robinson, Tait, Thompson, Turner, Varnum, Walker, Wells, and Wharton.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

Further to amend the bill, by striking out the word "one," in the third line of the first amendment reported by the select committee, and in lieu thereof, insert "two:"

It was determined in the affirmative.

**The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.**

Ordered, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.



The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on various goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured within the United States," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

On the question, Shall this pass as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 22.  
Nays . . . . . 7,

On motion, by Mr. Mason,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bledsoe, Brown, Chace, Condit, Daggett, Fromentin, Gailard, Hunter, King, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Dana, German, Horsey, Lambert, Mason, Thompson, and Wells.

So it was

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built, equipped, and employed, one or more floating batteries, for the defence of the waters of the United States, was read the second time.

The resolution for the appointment of a joint committee, to inquire into the expenses of printing, &c. of Congress, and into the expediency of establishing permanent rules for regulating the same, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Daggett, Fromentin, and Morrow, be the committee on the part of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, on horses kept exclusively for the saddle or carriage, and on gold and silver watches."

On motion, by Mr. Daggett,

To strike out, section 1, line 2, after the word "assembled," the following:

"That there shall be, and hereby is, imposed an annual duty on all household furniture kept for use, the value of which in any one family, with the exception of beds, bedding, kitchen furniture, family pictures, and articles made in the family from domestic materials, shall exceed two hundred dollars in money, according to the following scale:

"If above two hundred dollars and not exceeding five hundred dollars, thirty cents on every hundred dollars of the whole value.

"If above five hundred and not exceeding one thousand dollars, thirty-five cents on every hundred dollars of the whole value.

"If above one thousand and not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars, forty cents upon every hundred dollars of the whole value.

"If above fifteen hundred and not exceeding two thousand dollars, forty-five cents upon every hundred dollars of the whole value.

"If above two thousand and not exceeding three thousand dollars, fifty cents on every hundred dollars of the whole value.

"If above three thousand and not exceeding four thousand dollars, sixty cents on every hundred dollars of the whole value.

"If above four thousand and not exceeding five thousand dollars, seventy cents on every hundred dollars of the whole value.

"If above five thousand and not exceeding six thousand dollars, eighty cents on every hundred dollars of the whole value.

"If above six thousand and not exceeding seven thousand dollars, ninety cents on every hundred dollars of the whole value.

"If above seven thousand dollars, one hundred cents on every hundred dollars of the whole value: which duty shall be paid by the owner of the said household furniture."

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 11,  
Nays . . . . . 18.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Daggett, Dana, German, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, Smith, and Thompson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bledsoe, Brown, Chace, Condit, Fromentin, Gaillard, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

And the bill having been further amended,

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee to whom the subject was referred on the 26th instant, reported a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory;" and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1814.

The Honorable Joseph Kerr, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the state of Ohio, in place of the Honorable Thomas Worthington, resigned, produced his credentials, which were read; and the oath prescribed by law was administered to him, and he took his seat in the Senate.

Mr. Roberts presented the memorial of the representatives of the religious society of Friends in Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, and Delaware, representing that they are conscientiously prohibited from partaking in the sanguinary struggles of war, and praying a solemn act of legislative consent to the rights of conscience; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee on the militia of the United States, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Morrow presented several petitions, signed by a great number of the inhabitants of the state of Ohio, remonstrating against the transportation and opening of the mail on the Sabbath; and the petitions were read.

On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee to whom were referred, on the 26th instant, several petitions on the same subject, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Fromentin, from the committee, reported the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, on horses kept exclusively for the saddle or carriage, and on gold and silver watches," correctly engrossed.

Mr. Smith announced the death of the Honorable Richard Brent, a Senator from the state of Virginia, who deceased this morning.

Whereupon,

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to take order for superintending the funeral of the Honorable Richard Brent; and that the Senate will attend the same; and that notice of the event be given to the House of Representatives; and,

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Smith, Varnum, Turner, Gore, and Daggett, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Resolved, unanimously*, That the members of the Senate, from a sincere desire of showing every mark of respect due to the memory of the Honorable Richard Brent, deceased, late a member thereof, will go into mourning for him one month, by the usual mode of wearing a crape round the left arm.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Resolved*, That the President of the Senate be requested to notify the Executive of the state of Virginia of the death of the Honorable Richard Brent, late a Senator of the United States from that state.



On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Resolved*, That, as an additional mark of respect for the memory of the Honorable Richard Brent, the Senate now adjourn.

And the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1814.

The number of Senators present not being sufficient to constitute a quorum,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 2, 1815.

Mr. Lacock, from the committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of William Gamble; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory," was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by duties on household furniture, on horses kept exclusively for the saddle or carriage, and on gold and silver watches," was read a third time as amended.

On the question, Shall this bill pass as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 16,  
Nays . . . . . 9.

On motion, by Mr. Mason,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Brown, Chace, Condit, Gaillard, Kerr, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Daggett, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, Smith, Thompson, and Wells.

So it was

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

The title was amended, by striking out the words "on horses kept exclusively for the saddle or carriage."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion submitted the 29th ultimo, by Mr. Varnum, which was amended and agreed to as follows:

*Resolved*, That the committee to whom was referred so much of the message of the President of the United States, of the twentieth day of September last, as relates to the military establishment, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing and requesting the President of the United States to call upon the proper authority in each state and territory, to furnish, according to the provisions of, and for the purposes prescribed by, the constitution of the United States, their respective proportions of eighty thousand militia, officers included, armed and equipped according to law, to serve for nine months, after they shall arrive at their respective places of rendezvous, unless sooner discharged; to be organized into companies, regiments, brigades, and divisions, by the proper authority in each state and territory, agreeable to the principles of law which provide for the organization of the militia of the United States, and holden in readiness to take the field by the first day of April next: the apportionment among the states and territories to be made in the bill, in conformity with the provisions of the constitution, for apportioning direct taxes.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the consideration of the motion for the choice of an assistant doorkeeper to the Senate; and,

*Ordered, That Messrs. Horsey, Smith, and Dana, be the committee.*



A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President:* The House of Representatives concur in the resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to inquire into the expenses of stationery, printing, and binding, and into the expediency of establishing permanent rules for regulating and conducting the printing and binding, and for the supply of stationery, of the Senate and House of Representatives; and have appointed a committee on their part.

The President of the United States, on the 26th December, approved and signed "An act supplemental to the acts authorizing a loan for the several sums of twenty-five millions of dollars, and three millions of dollars;" also, "An act giving further time to locate certain claims to lands, confirmed by an act of Congress, entitled 'An act confirming certain claims to lands in the district of Vincennes.'" And he withdrew.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution, reported on the 28th November, by the Committee on Naval Affairs, relative to the inexpediency of conferring naval rank by brevet.

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the second Monday in March next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same."

On motion, by Mr. Mason,

To amend the twenty-seventh section, ~~by~~ striking out the following:

"But in all cases where the property liable to a direct tax under this act, or the said act of Congress, entitled "An act to lay and collect a direct tax within the United States," shall not be divisible, so as to enable the collector, by a sale of a part thereof, to raise the whole amount of the tax, with all costs, charges, and commissions, the whole of such property shall be sold, the collector having first obtained the approbation, in writing, of the principal assessor for the district therefor; and the surplus of the proceeds of the sale, after satisfying the tax, costs, charges, and commissions, shall be paid to the owner of the property or his legal representatives, or if he or they cannot be found, or refuse to receive the same, then such surplus shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, to be there held for the use of the owner, or his legal representatives, until he or they shall make application therefor to the Secretary of the Treasury, who, upon such application, shall, by warrant on the Treasurer, cause the same to be paid to the applicant:"

It was determined in the affirmative,

{ Yeas . . . . .	13,
{ Nays . . . . .	10.

On motion, by Mr. Mason,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Messrs. Bledsoe, Dana, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, Smith, Thompson, Varnum, Walker, and Wells.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Daggett, Gaillard, German, Kerr, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Tait, and Taylor.

Further amendment having been proposed by Mr. Bledsoc,

On motion.

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the bill be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory."

On motion, by Mr. Hunter,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

**Ordered,** That Messrs. Gore, Hunter, and Taylor, be the committee.

On motion.

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1815.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built, equipped, and employed, one or more floating batteries, for the defence of the waters of the United States.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Saturday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

They disagree to all the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, on horses kept exclusively for the saddle or carriage, and on gold and silver watches."

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same;" and,

The President reported it to the House amended.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

It was determined in the negative,	{	Yeas . . . . .	8,
		Nays . . . . .	21.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Messrs. Anderson, Chace, Condit, Hunter, Lambert, Roberts, Varnum, and Wells.

Messrs. Bibb, Bledsoe, Brown, Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Gore, Kerr, King, Lacock, Mason, Morrow, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Walker, and Wharton.

To add a new section to the bill, as follows:

It was determined in the negative.

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on various goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured within the United States."

*Resolved*, That they *recede* from their amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives, except so much of the fifth amendment, as follows: "umbrellas and parasols, if above the value of two dollars, eight per centum ad valorem;" and that they do insist on said amendment.

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, on horses kept exclusively for the saddle or carriage, and on gold and silver watches."



Whereupon,

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Resolved*, That the Senate insist on their amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to accept the services of volunteers who may associate and organize themselves, and offer their services to the government of the United States," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and,

Mr. Brown submitted a new section, to be added as an amendment to the bill.

On motion,

It was agreed that the further consideration thereof be postponed.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of William Gamble; and no amendment having been proposed,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1815.

The bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same," was read a third time.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative, 

{ Yeas . . . . .	23.
{ Nays . . . . .	7.

On motion, by Mr. Wells,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bledsoe, Brown, Chace, Condit, Daggett, Fromentin, Gailard, German, Giles, Hunter, Kerr, King, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Walker, and Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Dana, Gore, Horsey, Lambert, Mason, Varnum, and Wells.

So it was

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Resolved*, That the committee appointed on the memorial of the legislature of the Indiana territory, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing further time for completing the surveys, and obtaining the patents on locations heretofore made under land warrants issued by virtue of resolutions of the legislature of Virginia, passed prior to the cession of the northwestern territory to the United States, as a bounty for military services in the continental line; and that the committee report by bill or otherwise.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives insist on their disagreement to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on various goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured within the United States."

They also insist on their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, on horses kept exclusively for the saddle or carriage, and on gold and silver watches." They ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill last mentioned, and have appointed managers on their part. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Resolved*, That the Senate agree to the conference proposed by the House of Representatives on the bill last mentioned.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Taylor, Bledsoe, and Daggett, be the managers at the same on their part.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Resolved*, That the Senate ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, on the amendment to the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on various goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured within the United States."

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Taylor, Bledsoe, and Daggett, be the managers at the same, on their part.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill for the relief of William Gamble, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of William Gamble."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and the amendments having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly, and it was further amended.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Varnum, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the widows and orphans of militia and volunteer soldiers who shall die or be killed in the service of the United States," reported it without amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to accept the services of volunteers who may associate and organize themselves, and offer their services to the government of the United States;" and

Mr. Mason submitted an amendment to the bill.

On motion,

It was agreed that the further consideration thereof be postponed.

Mr. Bledsoe submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee on so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to our naval affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a naval school.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 1815.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to provide for leasing certain lands reserved for the support of schools in the Mississippi territory."

Mr. Roberts presented the petition of William Elliot, of the city of Washington, praying the examination of a floating battery which he has invented for the protection of the coasts and waters of the United States, as is stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Secretary for the Department of Navy, to consider and report thereon to the Senate.

The bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of the public lands in the Mississippi territory," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory.'"

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Lacock, from the committee appointed October, 4, 1814, to consider the subject, asked and obtained leave to report a bill making appropriations for repairing or rebuilding the public buildings within the city of Washington; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.



On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Resolved*, That the message of the President of the United States, of 2d instant, together with the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, therewith communicated, containing a statement of the proceedings under the "Act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio," be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Smith, Morrow, and King, be the committee.

The President communicated a report of the acting Secretary for the Department of Navy, on the expenditure and application of moneys drawn from the Treasury, from the 1st of October, 1813, to the 30th September, 1814, inclusive; and of the unexpended balances of former appropriations remaining in the Treasury on the 1st of October, 1813; also, a report, comprehending contracts made by the Navy Department, during the years 1813 and 1814, prepared in obedience to the act of the 3d of March, 1809, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments;" and the reports were read.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to accept the services of volunteers who may associate and organize themselves, and offer their services to the government of the United States," together with the amendments proposed thereto; and, the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was unanimously determined in the affirmative—Yeas 27.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bledsoe, Brown, Chace, Condit, Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Gore, Horsey, Kerr, King, Lambert, Mason, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Thompson, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made the 5th instant, for instructing the Naval Committee to inquire into the expediency of establishing a naval school; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the widows and orphans of militia and volunteer soldiers who shall die or be killed in the service of the United States."

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the second Monday in March next.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1815.

Mr. Giles presented the petition of Littleburg E. Stainback and others, of the town of Petersburg, joint owners of the privateer called the Roger, praying a special circuit court may be ordered for the district of North Carolina, for reasons stated at large in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Giles, Turner, and Mason, be the committee.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same."

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to accept the services of volunteers who may associate and organize themselves, and offer their services to the government of the United States," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended, and the blanks were filled.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

The title was amended, to insert, after "services," the words "of state troops and;" and to strike out, from the word "volunteers," to the end thereof.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives agree to the conference proposed by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendment to the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on various goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured within the United States," and have appointed managers on their part.

They recede from their disagreement to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, on horses kept exclusively for the saddle or carriage, and on gold and silver watches," so far as to adopt the report of the committee of conference. And he withdrew.

Mr. Taylor, from the managers on the part of the Senate, at the conference on the amendments of the Senate, disagreed to by the House of Representatives to the bill last mentioned, reported:

"That the Senate do recede from their amendments concerning the rates of duties on household furniture; and

"That the House of Representatives do recede from their disagreement to all the other amendments made in the Senate to the said bill."

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

That the said bill, together with the report of the conferees, be postponed to the second Monday in March next:

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas . . . . .	8,
	{ Nays . . . . .	21.

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Daggett, Dana, Giles, Gore, Hunter, Mason, Smith, and Wells.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Bledsoe, Brown, Chace, Condit, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Lacock, Lambert, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Tait, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

On the question, Will the Senate concur in the report of the committee of conference?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Senate so far recede from their amendments to the bill last mentioned, as to adopt the report of the committee of conference.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built, equipped, and employed, one or more floating batteries, for the defence of the waters of the United States; and,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill making appropriations for repairing or rebuilding the public buildings within the city of Washington, was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Monday next.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.



MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1815.

Mr. Roberts presented the petition of Robert Kid, of the city of Philadelphia, praying certain bonds given by him on merchandise imported into the United States, which had been consigned by Samuel Guppy, a subject of Great Britain, to a house in Philadelphia, and by him innocently purchased, may be cancelled, for reasons therein stated; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Roberts, Chace, and Kerr, be the committee.

Mr. Roberts presented the petition of the Chamber of Commerce of Philadelphia, in favor of general and uniform regulations of the estates of insolvents; and praying a law may pass on that subject, for reasons stated in the petition; which was read.

The President communicated the memorial of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives in the Mississippi territory, praying the appointment of an additional judge for that part of the territory lying east of Pearl river, for reasons therein stated; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Brown,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Brown, Bibb, and Chace, be the committee.

The bill authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built, equipped, and employed, one or more floating batteries, for the defence of the waters of the United States, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On motion, by Mr. King,

The bill was amended by unanimous consent, by adding thereto a new section.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be 'An act authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built, equipped, and employed, one or more floating batteries, for the defence of the waters of the United States.'

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

*Resolved*, That the committee to whom was referred so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the militia, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision, by law, that there shall be one Colonel, one Lieutenant Colonel, and one Major, to each regiment consisting of two battalions of militia.

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

*Ordered*, That a member be added to the committee on so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the militia, in place of Mr. Worthington; and,

Mr. Dana was elected.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill for the relief of Bowie and Kurtz and others; and,

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill making appropriations for repairing or rebuilding the public buildings within the city of Washington; and,

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Wednesday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to prohibit intercourse with the enemy, and for other purposes;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have also passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States of America," with amendments; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

On motion,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill last mentioned.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Resolved*, That they be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Smith, Bibb, Anderson, Giles, and Varnum, be the committee.

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That the bill last mentioned, as amended by the House of Representatives, be printed for the use of the Senate.

The bill last brought up for concurrence was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1815.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had, on the 9th instant, laid before the President of the United States, the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

The bill, entitled "An act to prohibit intercourse with the enemy, and for other purposes," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Chace,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee to whom were referred, on the 14th October, the several communications from the President of the United States, relating to our foreign affairs, to consider and report thereon.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

*Mr. President*: The President of the United States, on the 2d instant, approved and signed "An act for the relief John C. Hurlburt, of Chatham, in the state of Connecticut;" and, on the 9th instant, "An act to provide for leasing certain lands reserved for the support of schools in the Mississippi territory."

The two following written messages were also received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States*:

I communicate, for the information of Congress, the report of the Director of the Mint, of the operation of that establishment during the last year.

JAMES MADISON.

January 10, 1815.

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States*:

I transmit to Congress an account of the contingent expenses of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

JAMES MADISON.

January 10, 1815.

The message and documents therein referred to were severally read.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill giving further time to complete the surveys and obtain the patents for lands located under Virginia resolution warrants; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Mason submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested to cause to be stated to the Senate the reasons which have prevented the communication of the information requested by their resolution of the 9th of November last.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1815.

The Honorable James Barbour, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the commonwealth of Virginia, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the decease of the Honorable Richard Brent, produced his credentials, which were read, and the oath prescribed by law was administered to him, and he took his seat in the Senate.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill making appropriations for repairing or rebuilding the public buildings within the city of Washington.



On motion, by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Friday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The President of the United States, on the 9th instant, approved and signed "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same."

The House of Representatives recede from their disagreement to that part of the fifth amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on various goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured within the United States," to insert "umbrellas and parasols, if above the value of two dollars, eight per centum ad valorem;" and that they agree to the said amendment.

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William H. Washington;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Robinson, and others;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Doyle;" also, a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob Shinnick and Shoultz and Vogeler, of Christian Chapman, and the legal representative of John Calef, deceased;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The four bills last mentioned were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

It was agreed that when the Senate adjourn it be to Friday next.

Mr. Taylor, from the managers appointed on the part of the Senate to confer with the managers on the part of the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on various goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured within the United States," reported:

"That they had conferred on the above subject, and that the managers on behalf of the House of Representatives have agreed to recommend to their House, that they do recede from their disagreement to the insertion of the following amendment, made by the Senate to the above mentioned bill, viz: umbrellas and parasols, if above the value of two dollars, eight per centum ad valorem; and the report was read.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Friday morning.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1815.

Mr. Smith, from the committee to whom were referred the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States of America," reported the same with amendments; which were read.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Doyle," was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Roberts, Barbour, and Thompson, be the committee.

The bill giving further time to complete the surveys and obtain the patents for lands located under Virginia resolution warrants," was read the second time and considered as in committee of the whole.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William H. Washington," was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred, on the 23d of September last, the memorial of the President and Directors of the Eastern Branch Bridge Company, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob Shinnick, Shoultz, and Vogeler, of Christian Chapman, and the legal representative of John Calef, deceased," was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed on the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Doyle," to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Robinson and others," was read the second time; and,

On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Walker, Morrow, and Chace, be the committee.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee, reported that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on various goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured within the United States."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to accept the services of volunteers who may associate and organize themselves, and offer their services to the government of the United States," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to accept the services of volunteers who may associate and organize themselves, and offer their services to the government of the United States;" and,

On motion,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted the 10th instant by Mr. Mason; and,

On motion, by Mr. Robinson,

It was agreed to take the question thereon by yeas and nays.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Friday next.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments reported by the committee to the amendments of the House of Representatives, to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States of America;" and,

On motion, by Mr. Mason,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, to-morrow.

The Senate proceeded to consider the motion submitted the 27th December last; and,

On motion, by Mr. King,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Friday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill making appropriations for repairing or rebuilding the public buildings within the city of Washington; and,

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be further postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Wednesday next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1815.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill giving further time to complete the surveys and obtain the patents for lands located under Virginia resolution warrants; and, no amendment having been proposed,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the amendments of the House of Representatives to their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to accept the services of volunteers who may associate and organize themselves, and offer their services to the government of the United States."

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That they agree to the second and fourth amendments of the House of



Representatives to their amendments to the said bill, and disagree to all their other amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the amendments reported by the committee to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States of America."

On the question to agree to the first proposition of the committee, to wit: Add, after the word "thirty," as often as it occurs, the word "five:"

It was determined in the affirmative,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots\dots\dots 17, \\ \text{Nays} \dots\dots\dots 14. \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Barbour, Bibb, Chace, Condit, Giles, Kerr, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, Thompson, and Wells.

On the question to agree to the first member of the second proposition of the committee, to amend the amendments of the House of Representatives, to wit:

Strike out "ten," and insert "fifteen:"

It was determined in the affirmative,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots\dots\dots 17, \\ \text{Nays} \dots\dots\dots 14, \end{array} \right.$

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Barbour, Bibb, Chace, Condit, Giles, Kerr, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, Thompson, and Wells.

After further progress,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

### MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 1815.

Mr. Gore presented a petition, signed by a number of the inhabitants of the town of Union, in the district of Maine, remonstrating against the transportation and opening of the mail on the Sabbath; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Gore,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee to whom were referred, on the 26th ultimo, several petitions on the same subject, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Fromentin presented the memorial of Edward F. Howell, and others, midshipmen in the navy of the United States, remonstrating against the practice which, they state, has of late obtained, of promoting and commissioning sailingmasters to the rank of lieutenants in the navy; for reasons stated at large in the memorial; which was read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Giles, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the resolution of the Senate of the second January instant, reported the following resolution; which was read:

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to pass a bill for calling forth the militia upon the principles of the said resolution.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Ordered*, That a member be added to the committee to whom was referred, the 23d September, the memorial of the President and Directors of the Washington Bridge Company, in place of Mr. Bledsoe; and

Mr. Mason was elected.

The bill giving further time to complete the surveys and obtain the patents for lands located under Virginia resolution warrants, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time, and the blank filled.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act giving further time to complete the surveys and obtain the patents for lands located under Virginia resolution warrants."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the amendments reported by the committee to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States of America."

On the question, to agree to the proposition of the committee, in the 60th and 61st lines, to wit:

"That the amendments to the 17th and 18th rules be disagreed to:"

It was determined in the negative,  $\begin{cases} \text{Yeas} & \dots\dots\dots 15, \\ \text{Nays} & \dots\dots\dots 18. \end{cases}$

On motion, by Mr. Lacock,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Chace, Condit, Howell, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Smith, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Barbour, Brown, Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Giles, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, Kerr, King, Lambert, Mason, Tait, Thompson, and Wells.

On the question, to agree to the proposition of the committee, lines 64, and 65, to wit:

"That the amendment which proposes to strike out the 13th section be disagreed to:"

It was determined in the affirmative,  $\begin{cases} \text{Yeas} & \dots\dots\dots 17, \\ \text{Nays} & \dots\dots\dots 16. \end{cases}$

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Barbour, Bibb, Chace, Condit, Howell, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Giles, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, Kerr, King, Lambert, Mason, Thompson, and Wells.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

To strike out of the 14th section, proposed as an amendment by the House of Representatives, after the word "that," in the first line, and insert, in lieu thereof, the following:

"If at any time the said corporation shall exercise powers not authorized by this act, or refuse or neglect to perform any of the stipulations of this act, for which refusal or neglect penalties are not already provided, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, by and with the consent of the President of the United States, to represent the same to Congress; and Congress may, thereupon, make such provision, by law, to restrain such exercise of unauthorized powers, and to enforce the stipulations, aforesaid, as the nature of the case may justify and require; any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided, nevertheless*, That Congress shall not revoke or impair the corporate capacity of the said Bank, for and during the term of — years, by this act provided, nor in any manner affect or impair the right and property of the stockholders respectively, in the capital stock of the said Bank."

A division of the question was called for by Mr. Daggett, and it was taken on striking out; and,

Determined in the affirmative,  $\begin{cases} \text{Yeas} & \dots\dots\dots 18, \\ \text{Nays} & \dots\dots\dots 15. \end{cases}$

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Barbour, Bibb, Chace, Condit, Giles, Howell, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, Kerr, King, Lambert, Mason, Thompson, and Wells.

On the question, to insert the substitute proposed,

It was determined in the negative,  $\begin{cases} \text{Yeas} & \dots\dots\dots 14, \\ \text{Nays} & \dots\dots\dots 19. \end{cases}$



On motion, by Mr. Tait,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Chace, Condit, Howell, Kerr, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Smith, Taylor, Varnum, and Walker.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Barbour, Brown, Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Giles, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, Tait, Thompson, Turner, Wells, and Wharton.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Senate agree to some, and disagree to other amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill last mentioned.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1815.

The Senate resumed the bill for the relief of Bowie and Kurtz and others.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be further postponed to Monday next.

Mr. Brown presented several memorials from a number of the inhabitants of the Mississippi territory, praying to be confirmed in the possession of certain lands which they claim under patents granted by the British government; for reasons stated in the memorials; which were read.

On motion, by Mr. Brown,

*Resolved*, That they be severally referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Brown, Morrow, and Taylor, be the committee.

Mr. Walker, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Robinson and others," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, and on gold and silver watches."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same;'" and the act, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, and on gold and silver watches;" a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying duties on licences to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise, and for other purposes;'" a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President to raise certain companies of rangers for the defence of the frontiers of the United States, and to repeal certain acts now in force for this purpose;" a bill, entitled "An act giving further time to the purchasers of public lands to complete their payments;" a bill, entitled "An act regulating the sale of reserved sections of land in the state of Ohio;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the late county of New Madrid, in the Missouri territory, who suffered by earthquakes;" a bill, entitled "An act attaching to the Canton district, in the state of Ohio, the tract of land lying between the foot of the rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie, and the Connecticut Western Reserve;" also, a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of James Hynum;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. They insist on their amendments to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to accept the services of volunteers who may associate and organize themselves, and offer their services to the government of the United States." And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Resolved*, That the Senate insist on their disagreement to the amendments insisted on by the House of Representatives to the bill last mentioned, and ask a conference thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Brown, Bibb, and Mason, be the managers at the same, on the part of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The eight bills last brought up for concurrence were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1815.

The bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same," and the act, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, and on gold and silver watches," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Taylor, Daggett, Brown, Chace, and Smith, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying duties on licences to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise, and for other purposes,'" was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee last mentioned, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act attaching to the Canton district, in the state of Ohio, the tract of land lying between the foot of the rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie, and the Connecticut Western Reserve," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred, the 21st September, the memorial of the legislature of the Indiana territory, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act regulating the sale of certain reserved sections of land in the state of Ohio," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee last mentioned, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act giving further time to the purchasers of public lands to complete their payments," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee last mentioned, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the late county of New Madrid, in the Missouri territory, who suffered by earthquakes," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Fromentin, Morrow, and Daggett, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of James Hynum," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee last mentioned, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President to raise certain companies of rangers, for the defence of the frontiers of the United States, and to repeal certain acts now in force for this purpose," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Walker,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.



The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on various goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured within the United States;" also, the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined

Mr. Anderson, from the committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Edward Barry and George Hodges; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution reported the 16th instant, by the Committee on Military Affairs.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Ordered*, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs, together with the resolution of the Senate of the 2d instant, further to consider and report thereon.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be discharged from the further consideration of the resolution last mentioned, and that it be referred to the committee appointed the 21st September, on so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the militia, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Bibb, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to prohibit intercourse with the enemy and for other purposes," reported it with amendments; which were read.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Friday next.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the bill making appropriations for repairing or rebuilding the public buildings within the city of Washington.

On motion, by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be further postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Robinson and others;" and, no amendment having been proposed,

*Ordered*, That it pass to the third reading.

After the consideration of Executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1815.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Robinson and others," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill for the relief of Edward Barry and George Hodges was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Resolved*, That the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the President and Directors of the Washington Bridge Company, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by a general law for making compensation to individuals whose property may have been destroyed during the war, by the constituted authorities of the United States, or whose property may have been occupied for, or appropriated to, public purposes.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob Shinnick, and Shoultz and Vogeler, of Christian Chapman, and the legal representative of John Calef, deceased," be discharged from the further consideration thereof, and that it be referred to the committee last mentioned, to consider and report thereon

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom were referred the report of the Secretary for the Department of Navy, on the petition of Edward Bland and others, together with the accompanying documents, be discharged from the further

Mr. Thompson presented several petitions, signed by a number of the inhabitants of the state of New Hampshire, remonstrating against the transportation and opening of the mail on the Sabbath; and the petitions were read.

*Ordered*, That they be referred to the committee to whom were referred, the 26th ultimo, several petitions on the same subject, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Mr. President:* The House of Representatives agree to the conference proposed on the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to accept the services of volunteers who may associate and organize themselves, and offer their services to the government of the United States," and have appointed managers on their part.

They agree to some, and disagree to other amendments of the Senate to their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States of America." And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives to the amendments to the bill last mentioned.

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas . . . . . 9,
	{ Nays . . . . . 25.

Messrs. Barbour, Bibb, Brown, Chace, Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Giles, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Howell, Hunter, Kerr, King, Lambert, Mason, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Thompson, Wells, and Wharton.

It was determined in the negative,	} Yeas . . . . . 13, Nays . . . . . 21.
On motion, by Mr. G. . . . .	

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas . . . . . 9,
On motion, by Mr. [unclear]	{ Nays . . . . . 25.

Messrs. Gaillard, German, Kerr, Lacock, Lambert, Roberts, Taylor, Turner, and Varnum.



Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Barbour, Bibb, Brown, Chace, Condit, Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, Giles, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Howell, Hunter, King, Mason, Morrow, Robinson, Smith, Tait, Thompson, Walker, Wells, and Wharton.

On motion, by Mr. King,

That the Senate recede from their disagreement to the 34th amendment, in relation to the 11th rule; which rule goes to prevent the sale of any portion of the public debt constituting a part of the capital stock of the bank during the war, nor after the war, at a price less than its par value, nor at any time more than one half thereof, without the consent of Congress:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 21,  
Nays . . . . . 13.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Barbour, Brown, Chace, Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Giles, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, Kerr, King, Lambert, Mason, Tait, Thompson, Wells, and Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Condit, Howell, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Smith, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Walker.

On motion, by Mr. Mason,

That the Senate recede from their disagreement to so much of the 41st amendment as proposes to strike out the 13th section of the bill, which authorizes the bank, under certain circumstances, to suspend payment of their notes in specie:

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 18,  
Nays . . . . . 16.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Barbour, Brown, Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Giles, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, Kerr, King, Lambert, Mason, Thompson, and Wells.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Chace, Condit, Howell, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

That the said bill, together with the amendments, be postponed to the second Monday in March next—

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

It was agreed to take the question by yeas and nays.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1815.

The President communicated a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, exhibiting the sums respectively paid to each clerk in the several offices of that Department, for services rendered during the year 1814, made in obedience to the provisions of the act of April 21, 1806, to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks; and the report was read.

Mr. Varnum, from the Militia Committee, to whom the subject was referred the 9th instant, reported a bill concerning field officers of the militia; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The President laid before the Senate a letter from the Honorable Mr. Bledsoe, as follows:

WASHINGTON, *January 20, 1815.*

SIR: Doubts having arisen whether I have still a right to fill my seat in the Senate of the United States, with a view to have the question settled, and a precedent established, and to save my own feelings on a point of duty, I beg leave, through you, to submit the following case for the decision of that honorable body:

Previous to the 24th December last, I forwarded, by mail, my resignation to the Governor of the state of Kentucky, to take place on that day, to be by him communicated to the legislature of that state, then, and, so far as I am informed, still in session. I was, by a letter from the Governor of that state, advised that he had received my re-

signation, and would hold it up in the hope of hearing from me, and of a change in my determination on that subject, until about the last of that month, when he would communicate it to the legislature. Newspaper information states that he did so, and that my successor has been appointed; which latter fact is also stated in a letter to a gentleman of the House of Representatives, as I have been informed. This is all the information I have received. Whether, under these circumstances, I am to be considered as still a member, will be for the Honorable Senate to decide. Wishing it to be understood I have no other solicitude as to the result than to be informed of my duty, which is concerned, in continuing in my place, if I have a right to do so.

I am, with high respect, your most obedient servant,

J. BLEDSOE.

The Honorable JOHN GAILLARD,

*President of the Senate of the United States.*

And the letter was read.

Whereupon,

Mr. Roberts submitted the following motion:

*Resolved*, That the facts stated in the letter of the Honorable Jesse Bledsoe, addressed to the President of the Senate, do not vacate his seat in the Senate.

A motion was made, by Mr. King, to amend the resolution, by striking out therefrom the word "not;" and

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 25,  
Nays . . . . . 8.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Barbour, Brown, Chace, Daggett, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Giles, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Howell, Hunter, Kerr, King, Lambert, Mason, Morrow, Robinson, Tait, Taylor, Thompson, Wells, and Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Condit, Dana, Lacock, Roberts, Smith, Turner, and Varnum.

On the question, Shall the resolution pass as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 27,  
Nays . . . . . 6.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Barbour, Brown, Chace, Daggett, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Giles, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Howell, Hunter, Kerr, King, Lacock, Lambert, Mason, Morrow, Robinson, Tait, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Wells, and Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Condit, Dana, Roberts, Smith, and Varnum.

So it was

*Resolved*, That the facts stated in the letter of the Honorable Jesse Bledsoe, addressed to the President of the Senate, do vacate his seat in the Senate.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Magruder, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Benjamin Wells and others;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Brahaney;" also, a bill, entitled "An act for the better regulation of the ordnance department;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The Senate resumed the consideration of their amendments, disagreed to by the House of Representatives, to the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States of America."

On the question, that the said bill, together with the amendments, be postponed to the second Monday in March next:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 14,  
Nays . . . . . 20.

It having been agreed to take the question by yeas and nays,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, Condit, Gaillard, Howell, Kerr, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Smith, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Walker.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Barbour, Brown, Chace, Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, German, Giles, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, Robinson, Tait, Thompson, Wells, and Wharton.



Whereupon,

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Resolved*, That the Senate recede from their amendments to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the said bill, to which the said House have disagreed; and that they recede from their disagreement to, and concur in, all the other amendments of the House of Representatives thereto.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Brown, from the managers appointed on the part of the Senate, on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, on the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to accept the services of volunteers who may associate and organize themselves, and offer their services to the government of the United States," reported,

"That they have agreed to recommend to their respective Houses a modification of the first amendment of the Senate, in lieu of the amendment proposed by the House of Representatives, by adding the following proviso, at the end of the first section:

"*And be it further provided*, That, in case the President of the United States shall hereafter call on the Executives of the several states to hold in readiness their respective quotas of militia for service, he shall consider the corps of state troops raised in any state, as part of the quota of such state.

"And in lieu of the amendment proposed by the House of Representatives to the 5th section, to modify the 5th section as proposed by the Senate, by striking out the word "forty," in the 12th line, and inserting the word "seventy."

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 1815.

The President laid before the Senate a memorial of the Legislature of the Mississippi territory, praying that the inhabitants of said territory may be authorized to form a convention for the adoption of a constitution, and that the said territory may be admitted into the Union as a state; for reasons stated at large in the memorial; which was read.

The President also laid before the Senate another memorial of the Legislature of the said territory, praying that the amount of losses sustained by citizens of said territory, in the war against the Creek Indians, may be ascertained, in order that the sufferers may be indemnified in lands, acquired from said Indians, as is stated in the memorial; which was read.

The President laid before the Senate another memorial of the Legislature of the said territory, praying that the power to lease out the lands set apart for the public schools in said territory may be vested in said Legislature; for reasons therein stated; and the memorial was read.

The President also laid before the Senate another memorial of the Legislature of the said territory, praying that the interest which has accrued on lands in said territory, purchased of the United States, may be remitted, and that further time may be given to complete the payments for the said lands; for reasons therein stated; and the memorial was read.

On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred, on the 21st September, the memorial of the Legislature of the Indiana territory, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

The President also communicated a resolution of the Legislature of the Mississippi territory, tendering to the general government their undivided support in repelling the aggressions and unjust demands of the enemy, and preferring a sacrifice of their lives and fortunes, to the surrender of our rights or national dignity; and the resolution was read.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Ordered*, That it be printed for the use of the Senate.

The three bills brought up yesterday for concurrence were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

The bill, entitled "An act for the better regulation of the ordnance department," was read the second time by unanimous consent; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of the public lands in the Mississippi territory.'"

Whereupon,

On motion, by Mr. Hunter,

*Resolved*, That they concur therein with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate proceeded to consider the report of the committee of conference on their part, on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, on the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to accept the services of volunteers who may associate and organize themselves, and offer their services to the government of the United States.

Whereupon,

On motion, by Mr. Brown,

*Resolved*, That they concur therein with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed the bill, entitled "An act to prohibit intercourse with the enemy, and for other purposes."

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be further postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Monday next.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

*Ordered*, That the bill for the relief of Edward Barry and George Hodges, together with the accompanying documents, be referred to the committee appointed on the 23d September, on the memorial of the President and Directors of the Washington Bridge Company, to consider and report thereon.

The bill concerning field officers of the militia was read the second time.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1815.

The President laid before the Senate the credentials of the Honorable Outerbridge Horsey, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the state of Delaware, for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth day of March next; and they were read.

*Ordered*, That they lie on file.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion submitted on the 10th instant, by Mr. Mason, relative to information requested by their resolution of the 9th November last.

On the question, to agree thereto,

It was determined in the negative,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas . . . . . 12,} \\ \text{Nays . . . . . 18.} \end{array} \right.$

It having been agreed to take the question by yeas and nays,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Dana, German, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, Smith, Taylor, and Thompson,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Barbour, Bibb, Chace, Condit, Daggett, Gaillard, Giles, Kerr, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Turner, Varnum, Walker, Wells, and Wharton.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion submitted on the 27th December last; and

On motion, by Mr. King,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be further postponed to the first Monday in February next.

Mr. Roberts reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States of America;" also, the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory."

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Brahany," was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Benjamin Wells and others," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.



*Ordered*, That Messrs. Roberts, Mason, and Barbour, be the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Burch:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives agree to the amendments of the Senate to their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory."

They agree to the report of the conferees on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, on the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to accept the services of volunteers who may associate and organize themselves, and offer their services to the government of the United States," with the amendment made thereto by the Senate; and that the bill be passed accordingly.

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act to alter and amend the several acts for establishing a Navy Department, by adding thereto a Board of Commissioners;" a bill, entitled "An act directing the manner of contracts and purchases in the Navy Department, and for promoting economy therein;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Perkins," a bill, entitled "An act concerning Matthew Guy, John Woodward, Samuel Tennison, and Wilfred Drury;" a bill, entitled "An act concerning Weston Jenkins and others;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Arnold;" also, a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Farrington Barkelow, administrator of Mary Rappleyea;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate.

The President of the United States, on the 18th instant, approved and signed "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, and on gold and silver watches;" also, "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on various goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured within the United States."

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Hunter, from the committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Henry Nimmo; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to prohibit intercourse with the enemy, and for other purposes," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and the amendments were agreed to with an amendment; and the bill having been further amended,

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On request,

Mr. Roberts was excused from serving on the Committee for Enrolled Bills.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1815.

The seven bills brought up yesterday for concurrence were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Burch:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to amend the act laying duties on licences to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandisc;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill for the relief of Henry Nimmo was read the second time.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to prohibit intercourse with the enemy, and for other purposes."

Mr. Daggett moved to strike out the 8th section of the bill.

And, after debate,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Smith, from the committee to whom was referred the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, containing a statement of proceedings under the act to regulate the lay-

ing out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio, made a report; which was read.

Mr. Smith, from the same committee, reported a bill in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying duties on licences to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise, and for other purposes,'" reported it with amendments.

On motion, by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Ordered*, That the bill for the relief of Bowie and Kurtz, and others, be recommitted to Messrs. Goldsborough, Gore, and Chace, further to consider and report thereon.

On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That a member be added to the committee to whom was referred, the 21st September last, the memorial of the legislature of the Indiana territory, in place of Mr. Bledsoe; and,

Mr. Barbour was elected.

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed for enrolled bills on the part of the Senate, in place of Mr. Roberts, excused; and,

*Ordered*, That Mr. Kerr be the committee.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill for the relief of Henry Nimmo was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and, no amendment having been proposed,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1815.

The bill, entitled "An act to amend the act laying duties on licences to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred, the 18th instant, the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same;' and the act, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, and on gold and silver watches," to consider and report thereon.

The bill for the relief of Henry Nimmo having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of Henry Nimmo."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Mason presented a petition, signed by a number of the inhabitants of the town of Hollis, in the state of New Hampshire, remonstrating against the transportation and opening of the mail on the Sabbath; and the petition was read.

On motion, by Mr. Mason,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee to whom were referred, on the 26th ultimo, several petitions on the same subject, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Arnold," was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Perkins," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Gore,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Gore, Hunter, and Mason, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Farrington Barkelow, administrator of Mary Rappleyea," was read the second time.



The bill, entitled "An act concerning Weston Jenkins and others," was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act concerning Matthew Guy, John Woodward, Samuel Tension, and Wilfred Drury," was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act to alter and amend the several acts for establishing a Navy Department, by adding thereto a Board of Commissioners," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. King,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act directing the manner of contracts and purchases in the Navy Department, and for promoting economy therein," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to prohibit intercourse with the enemy, and for other purposes," and Mr. Varnum was requested to take the chair.

On the question, to strike out the 8th section, as proposed by Mr. Daggett—

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

It was agreed to take the question by yeas and nays.

On motion, by Mr. Daggett,

That the bill be referred to a select committee, further to consider and report thereon:

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 13,  
Nays . . . . . 15.

On motion, by Mr. Daggett,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, German, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, Thompson, and Wells.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Barbour, Bibb, Chace, Condit, Kerr, Lacock, Morrow, Robinson, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

To amend the eighth section of the bill, by inserting, in the fifth line, after the word "act," the words, "or under color thereof:"

It was determined in the negative.

The Senate being equally divided, { Yeas . . . . . 14,  
Nays . . . . . 14,

On motion,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Barbour, Bibb, Chace, Condit, Lacock, Morrow, Robinson, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, German, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, Smith, Thompson, and Wells.

And the question recurring on striking out the 8th section, amended as follows:

"SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That if any suit or prosecution be commenced in any state court, against any collector, naval officer, surveyor, inspector, or any other officer, civil or military, or any other person aiding or assisting, agreeable to the provisions of this act, for any thing done, or omitted to be done, as an officer of the customs, or for any thing done by virtue of this act, and the defendant shall, at the time of entering his appearance in such court, file a petition for the removal of the cause for trial at the next circuit court to be holden in the district where the suit is pending, and offer good and sufficient surety for his entering in such court, on the first day of its session, copies of said process against him, and also for his there appearing at the court and entering special bail in the cause, if special bail was originally required therein, it shall then be the duty of the state court to accept the surety, and proceed no further in the cause, and the bail that shall have been originally taken, shall be discharged, and such copies being entered as aforesaid in such court of the United States, the cause shall there proceed in the same manner as if it had been brought there by original process, whatever may be the amount of the sum in dispute or damages claimed, or whatever the citizenship of the parties, any former law to the contrary notwithstanding. And any attachment of the goods or estate of the defendant, by the origi-

It was determined in the negative,	{ Yeas . . . . . 12,
	{ Nays . . . . . 15.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

And the bill having been amended, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Var-  
num reported it to the House accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Burch:

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.



Messrs. Anderson, Barbour, Bibb, Chace, Condit, Gaillard, Lacock, Morrow, Robinson, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

And the bill having been further amended,

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1815.

The bill from the House of Representatives, entitled "An act to authorize the purchase of a tract of land for the use of the United States," was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Smith and Bratton Caldwell," was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to extend the time of Oliver Evans' patent for his improvement on steam engines."

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Tuesday next.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for giving further time to the purchasers of public lands to complete their payments," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Morrow, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act attaching to the Canton district, in the state of Ohio, the tract of land lying between the foot of the rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie, and the Connecticut Western Reserve," also reported it without amendment.

The Senate resumed the bill making appropriations for repairing or rebuilding the public buildings within the city of Washington.

On motion, by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be further postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Taylor presented the petition of sundry inhabitants of Darlington district, in the state of South Carolina, praying an alteration in the conveyance of the mail through their district, for reasons stated in the petition; which was read.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill concerning field officers of the militia; and, no amendment having been proposed,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Burch:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the purchase of the library of Thomas Jefferson, late President of the United States." And he withdrew.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to prohibit intercourse with the enemy, and for other purposes," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

On motion, by Mr. King,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, further to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Giles, Mason, Barbour, Chace, and Bibb, be the committee.

Mr. Daggett, from the committee to whom were referred the petitions of numerous citizens of the states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, North Carolina, and Ohio, praying Congress to prohibit the transportation and opening of the mail on the Sabbath, made report; which was read, together with the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That at this time it is inexpedient to interfere and pass any laws on the subject-matter of the several petitions, praying the prohibition of the transportation and opening of the mail on the Sabbath.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning Matthew Guy, John Woodward, Samuel Tennison, and Wilfred Drury."

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning Weston Jenkins and others."



On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Brahany;" and, no amendment having been proposed,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Farrington Barkelow, administrator of Mary Rappleyea," was resumed, as in committee of the whole; and, no amendment having been proposed,

*Ordered*, That it pass to the third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Arnold;" and, no amendment having been proposed,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying duties on licences to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise, and for other purposes,'" together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and, the amendments having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to accept the services of state troops and of volunteers;" also, the enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Robinson, and others."

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 1815.

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Navy Department be directed to lay before the Senate an account of the disbursements of public moneys which have been made at each navy yard in the United States, between the first day of January, 1800, and the last day of December, 1814, designating the disbursements made at each, in each year.

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

*Resolved*, That the Secretary for the Department of War be directed to lay before the Senate the amount of the expenditures in each state in the Union, for fortifications and for the ordnance department, from the commencement of the year 1800, to the end of the year 1814, designating the sums expended in each state, in each year; and, also, designating the sums expended for fortifications, from the sums expended for the ordnance department.

Mr. Tait, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to alter and amend the several acts for establishing a Navy Department, by adding thereto a Board of Commissioners," reported it with amendments.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the purchase of a tract of land for the use of the United States," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Smith and Bratton Caldwell," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Lacock,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Lacock, Anderson, and Thompson, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Farrington Barkelow, administrator of Mary Rappleyea," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of John Brahany," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Arnold," was read a third time.  
*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill concerning field officers of the militia having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act concerning field officers of the militia."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying duties on licences to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise, and for other purposes,'" having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

It was agreed to amend the title, by inserting, in the first line, after the word "act," and before "laying," "to amend the act."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Kerr reported from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the purchase of the library of Thomas Jefferson, late President of the United States."

The Senate resumed the consideration of the report of the committee to whom were referred the petitions of numerous citizens of the states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, North Carolina, and Ohio, praying Congress to prohibit the transportation and opening of the mail on the Sabbath.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That at this time it is inexpedient to interfere and pass any laws on the subject-matter of the several petitions praying the prohibition of the transportation and opening of the mail on the Sabbath.

The Senate resumed the bill making appropriations for repairing or rebuilding the public buildings within the city of Washington.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be further postponed to Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio; and, no amendment having been proposed,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to prohibit intercourse with the enemy, and for other purposes," reported it with amendments; which were read, and considered as in committee of the whole.

On the question to agree to the amendment proposed by the select committee, "to strike out of the amendments the proviso to the end of the 5th section of the bill:"

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 17,  
 { Nays . . . . . 12.

On motion, by Mr. Chace,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Barbour, Bibb, Chace, Condit, Gaillard, Giles, Kerr, Lacock, Morrow, Robinson, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Daggett, Fromentin, German, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, Smith, and Thompson.

On motion, by Mr. Mason,

To amend the 5th section of the bill, by inserting, after the word "customs," in the 4th line, the following words: "and for whose acts and doings in their office the collector so appointing them shall be answerable to any person thereby injured."

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 11,  
 { Nays . . . . . 18.

On motion, by Mr. Chace,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Daggett, Fromentin, German, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, and Thompson.



Those who voted in the negative, are,  
Messrs. Anderson, Barbour, Bibb, Chace, Condit, Gaillard, Giles, Kerr, Lacock,  
Morrow, Robinson, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

And the amendments reported by the select committee having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

It was determined in the affirmative.  
A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Burch:

*Mr. President:* The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives have appointed Mr. Lefferts on the joint committee for enrolled bills, in place of Mr. Shinner, absent with leave; also, Mr. Henderson, on the same committee, in place of Mr. Caperton, also absent with leave. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

On motion,

On motion,  
The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30, 1815.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill entitled "An act giving further time to purchasers of public lands to complete their payments;" and, no amendment having been proposed,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act attaching to the Canton district, in the state of Ohio, the tract of land lying between the foot of the rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie, and the Connecticut Western Reserve;" and, no amendment having been proposed,

*Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.*

Mr. Horsey, from the committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to allow a drawback of duties on spirits distilled, and certain goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured, within the United States;" and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to alter and amend the several acts for establishing a Navy Department, by adding thereto a Board of Commissioners, together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

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*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

On motion, by Mr. Lacock,

On motion, by Mr. Lacock,  
*Ordered*, That the consideration of the bill making appropriations for repairing or rebuilding the public buildings within the city of Washington, be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Wednesday next.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to prohibit intercourse with the enemy, and for other purposes," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

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To fill the blank with "one hundred thousand:"  
(Yeas.

To fill the blank with "one hundred thousand."  
It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 17,  
{ Nays . . . . . 7.

On motion, by Mr. King,

On motion, by Mr. King,  
The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,  
The yeas and nays in the affirmative are,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,  
Messrs. Bibb, Brown, Chace, Condit, Fromentin, Gaillard, Goldsborough, Horsey,  
Kerr, Morrow, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Walker, and Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Barbour, King, Lambert, Mason, Robinson, Thompson, and Wells.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Giles, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the better regulation of the ordnance department," reported it with amendments.

Mr. Giles, from the same committee, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the purchase of a tract of land for the use of the United States," reported it with an amendment.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

Having bestowed on the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States of America," that full consideration which is due to the great importance of the subject, and dictated by the respect which I feel for the two Houses of Congress, I am constrained, by a deep and solemn conviction that the bill ought not to become a law, to return it to the Senate, in which it originated, with my objections to the same.

Waiving the question of the constitutional authority of the legislature to establish an incorporated bank, as being precluded, in my judgment, by repeated recognitions, under varied circumstances, of the validity of such an institution, in acts of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the government, accompanied by indications, in different modes, of a concurrence of the general will of the nation; the proposed Bank does not appear to be calculated to answer the purposes of reviving the public credit, of providing a national medium of circulation, and of aiding the Treasury by facilitating the indispensable anticipations of the revenue, and by affording to the public more durable loans.

1. The capital of the bank is to be compounded of specie, of public stock, and of Treasury notes convertible into stock, with a certain proportion of each of which every subscriber is to furnish himself.

The amount of the stock to be subscribed will not, it is believed, be sufficient to produce, in favor of the public credit, any considerable or lasting elevation of the market price, whilst this may be occasionally depressed by the bank itself, if it should carry into the market the allowed proportion of its capital consisting of public stock, in order to procure specie, which it may find its account in procuring, with some sacrifice on that part of its capital.

Nor will any adequate advantage arise to the public credit from the subscription of Treasury notes. The actual issue of these notes nearly equals, at present, and will soon exceed the amount to be subscribed to the bank. The direct effect of this operation is simply to convert fifteen millions of Treasury notes into fifteen millions of six per cent. stock, with the collateral effect of promoting an additional demand for Treasury notes, beyond what might otherwise be negotiable.

Public credit might indeed be expected to derive advantage from the establishment of a national bank, without regard to the formation of its capital, if the full aid and co-operation of the institution were secured to the government during the war, and during the period of its fiscal embarrassments. But the bank proposed will be free from all legal obligation to co-operate with the public measures; and whatever might be the patriotic disposition of its directors to contribute to the removal of those embarrassments, and to invigorate the prosecution of the war, fidelity to the pecuniary and general interest of the institution, according to their estimate of it, might oblige them to decline a connexion of their operations with those of the national Treasury, during the continuance of the war and the difficulties incident to it. Temporary sacrifices of interest, though overbalanced by the future and permanent profits of the charter, not being requirable of right in behalf of the public, might not be gratuitously made; and the bank would reap the full benefit of the grant, whilst the public would lose the equivalent expected from it. For it must be kept in view, that the sole inducement to such a grant, on the part of the public, would be the prospect of substantial aids to its pecuniary means at the present crisis, and during the sequel of the war. It is evident that the stock of the bank will, on the return of peace, if not sooner, rise in the market to a value which, if the bank were established in a period of peace, would authorize and obtain for the public a bonus to a very large amount. In



lieu of such a bonus the government is fairly entitled to, and ought not to relinquish or risk, the needful services of the bank, under the pressing circumstances of war.

2. The bank, as proposed to be constituted, cannot be relied on during the war, to provide a circulating medium, nor to furnish loans, or anticipations of the public revenue.

Without a medium, the taxes cannot be collected, and in the absence of specie, the medium understood to be the best substitute, is that of notes issued by a national bank. The proposed bank will commence and conduct its operations, under an obligation to pay its notes in specie, or be subject to the loss of its charter. Without such an obligation, the notes of the bank, though not exchangeable for specie, yet resting on good pledges, and performing the uses of specie, in the payment of taxes, and in other public transactions, would, as experience has ascertained, qualify the bank to supply at once a circulating medium, and pecuniary aids to the government. Under the fetters imposed by the bill, it is manifest, that, during the actual state of things, and probably during the war, the period particularly requiring such a medium and such a resource for loans and advances to the government, notes for which the bank would be compellable to give specie in exchange could not be kept in circulation. The most the bank could effect, and the most it could be expected to aim at, would be to keep the institution alive by limited and local transactions, which, with the interest on the public stock in the bank, might yield a dividend sufficient for the purpose, until a change from war to peace should enable it, by a flow of specie into its vaults, and a removal of the external demand for it, to derive its contemplated emoluments from a safe and full extension of its operations.

On the whole, when it is considered that the proposed establishment will enjoy a monopoly of the profits of a national bank, for a period of twenty years; that the monopolized profits will be continually growing, with the progress of the national population and wealth; that the nation will, during the same period, be dependent on the notes of the bank for that species of circulating medium, whenever the precious metals may be wanted, and at all times for so much thereof as may be an eligible substitute for a specie medium; and that the extensive employment of the notes in the collection of the augmented taxes, will, moreover, enable the bank greatly to extend its profitable issues of them, without the expense of specie capital to support their circulation; it is as reasonable as it is requisite, that the government, in return for these extraordinary concessions to the bank, should have a greater security for attaining the public objects of the institution, than is presented in the bill, and particularly for every practicable accommodation, both in the temporary advances necessary to anticipate the taxes, and in those more durable loans which are equally necessary to diminish the resort to taxes.

In discharging this painful duty of stating objections to a measure which has undergone the deliberations and received the sanction of the two houses of the national legislature, I console myself with the reflection that, if they have not the weight which I attach to them, they can be constitutionally overruled; and with a confidence that, in a contrary event, the wisdom of Congress will hasten to substitute a more commensurate and certain provision for the public exigencies.

JAMES MADISON.

*Washington, January 30, 1815.*

The message was read.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered,* That it be printed for the use of the Senate, and that, to-morrow, at twelve o'clock, the Senate will proceed to consider the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States of America," which has been returned by the President of the United States, with objections.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William Arnold;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Brahaney;" also, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Farrington Barkelow, administrator of Mary Rappleyea;" and that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill, entitled "An act to authorize the purchase of the library of Thomas Jefferson, late President of the United States."

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1815.

Mr. Tait, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act concerning Weston Jenkins and others," reported it without amendment.

Agreeably to order, the Senate proceeded to reconsider the bill passed by the two Houses, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States of America," which was presented for approbation on Monday, the 23d instant, and returned by the President on the 30th instant, with objections.

The said bill was read, and is as follows:

An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States of America.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That a Bank of the United States of America shall be established, the capital stock of which shall be thirty millions of dollars, divided into three hundred thousand shares, of one hundred dollars each share; and that subscriptions for thirty millions of dollars, towards constituting the said capital stock, shall be opened, on the last Monday of February next, at the following places, viz: at Portland, in Maine, Portsmouth, in New Hampshire, Windsor, in Vermont, Boston, Providence, New Haven, New York, New Brunswick, in New Jersey, Philadelphia, Baltimore, the city of Washington, Richmond, Raleigh, Charleston, Savannah, Lexington, in Kentucky, Nashville, in Tennessee, Chillicothe, in Ohio, and New Orleans, under the superintendence of the following persons, as commissioners to receive the same: at Portland, Matthew Cob, Isaac Isley, Joshua Wingate, junior; at Portsmouth, John Goddard, Nathaniel A. Haven, Henry S. Langdon; at Windsor, Elias Lyman, William Leveret, Eleazer May; at Boston, Israel Thorndike, Thomas H. Perkins, William Gray, Aaron Hill, Samuel Brown; at Providence, Seth Wheaton, Ebenezer K. Dexter, Henry Smith; at New Haven, Abraham Bishop, William W. Woolsey, Henry Jones; at New York, Robert Troup, William Paulding, junior, Robert Lenox, John Jacob Astor, Samuel Tooker, Isaac Bronson, Henry A. Coster; at New Brunswick, James Vanderpool, John Bray, Peter Gordon; at Philadelphia, Jared Ingersoll, Thomas M. Willing, Stephen Girard, Chandler Price, Anthony Taylor, John Sergeant, Cadwallader Evans; at Baltimore, James A. Buchanan, Henry Payson, William Wilson; at the city of Washington, John Mason, Robert Brent, John P. Van Ness; at Richmond, Benjamin Hatcher, John Brockenborough, John Preston; at Raleigh, Sherwood Haywood, Beverly Daniel, William Peace; at Charleston, John C. Faber, Thomas Jones, Stephen Elliot, Charles B. Cochran, Thos. Blackwood; at Savannah, John Bolton, Charles Harris, James Johnson; at Lexington, in Kentucky, Charles Wilkins, Lewis Sanders, John H. Morton; at Nashville, Robert Weakly, Felix Grundy, John R. Bedford; at Chillicothe, Samuel Finley, Thos. James, William M'Farland; at New Orleans, Dominick A. Hall, Benjamin Morgan, Paul Lanuse, Thomas L. Harman, and William Flood: which subscriptions shall continue open every day, from the time of opening the same, from ten o'clock in the forenoon, until four o'clock in the afternoon, until the Saturday following, at four o'clock in the afternoon, when the same shall be closed; and immediately thereafter, the commissioners, or any two of them, at the respective places aforesaid, shall cause two transcripts or fair copies of such subscriptions to be made, one of which they shall send to the Secretary of the Treasury, one they shall retain, and the original shall, within three days from the closing of the same, be by the said commissioners transmitted to the said commissioners at Philadelphia, or to one of them; and on the receipt thereof, the said commissioners at Philadelphia, or any three of them, shall immediately thereafter convene and proceed to take an account of the said subscriptions; and if more than the amount of thirty millions of dollars shall have been subscribed, then the said last mentioned commissioners shall apportion the same among the several subscribers, according to their several and respective subscriptions: *Provided, however,* That such commissioners shall, by such apportionment, allow and apportion to each subscriber at least one share; and, in case the aggregate amount of the said subscriptions shall exceed thirty millions of dollars, the said commissioners, after having apportioned the same as aforesaid, shall cause lists of the said apportioned subscriptions to be made out, including in each list the apportioned subscription for the place where the original subscription was made, one of which lists shall be transmitted to the commissioners, or to one of the commissioners, under whose superintendence such subscriptions were originally made, that the subscribers may ascertain from them the number of shares apportioned to such subscribers respectively; and, if the amount of thirty millions of dollars shall not be subscribed during the period aforesaid, at all the places aforesaid, the subscription to complete the said sum shall afterwards be and remain open at Philadelphia, under the superintendence of the said



commissioners appointed at that place, and the subscription may be then made by any corporation, copartnership, or person, for any number of shares not exceeding the amount required to complete the said sum of thirty millions of dollars. And, in case of the death, or refusal to serve, of any of the commissioners aforesaid, it shall be lawful for the President of the United States to supply the vacancy or vacancies thus created, by appointing some suitable person or persons.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for any person, copartnership, or body politic, to subscribe for so many shares of the said capital stock of the said bank, as he, she, or they, shall think fit, not exceeding three thousand shares, except as is hereinafter provided for the subscription on behalf of the United States, and the sums respectively subscribed, except on behalf of the United States, as is hereinafter provided, shall be payable in the manner following; that is to say: five millions of dollars thereof in gold or silver coin of the United States, or of foreign coin at the value heretofore established by the act of Congress, entitled "An act regulating the currency of foreign coins," passed the 10th day of April, one thousand eight hundred and six; ten millions of dollars thereof in gold or silver coin, as aforesaid, or in the public debt of the United States, contracted by virtue of the act of Congress, entitled "An act authorizing a loan for a sum not exceeding eleven millions of dollars," passed the fourteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, or contracted, or to be contracted, by virtue of any subsequent act and acts of Congress heretofore passed, authorizing a loan or loans; and fifteen millions of dollars thereof in gold or silver coin, or in Treasury notes, issued under the act of Congress, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of Treasury notes," passed the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, or issued, or to be issued, under the authority of any subsequent act or acts of Congress, authorizing, or which shall authorize, Treasury notes to be issued, previously to the final closing of the subscriptions to the said bank. And the said payment shall be made and completed in the sums and at the times hereinafter declared, that is to say: at the time of subscribing there shall be paid six dollars and sixty-six cents and two thirds of a cent on each share, in gold or silver coin; twenty dollars in the Treasury notes aforesaid; and thirteen dollars thirty three cents and one third of a cent in the public debt of the United States, contracted, or to be contracted as aforesaid; at the expiration of four calendar months after the time of subscribing there shall be paid the further sum of three dollars thirty-three cents and one third of a cent on each share, in gold or silver coin; ten dollars in the Treasury notes aforesaid; and six dollars sixty-six cents and two thirds of a cent in the public debt of the United States, contracted or to be contracted as aforesaid: at the expiration of six calendar months from the time of subscribing there shall be paid the further sum of three dollars thirty-three cents and one third of a cent on each share, in gold or silver coin; ten dollars in the Treasury notes aforesaid; and six dollars sixty-six cents and two thirds of a cent in the public debt of the United States, contracted, or to be contracted, as aforesaid. And the subscriptions in public stock and Treasury notes, as aforesaid, shall be taken and credited for the principal and so much of the interest thereof, respectively, as shall have accrued on the day of subscribing the same. And, at the time of subscribing to the capital stock of the said bank, as aforesaid, each and every subscriber shall deliver to the commissioners, at the place of subscribing, as well the specie amount of their subscriptions, respectively, as the certificates of stock for the stock proportion of their subscriptions, respectively, together with a power of attorney authorizing the said commissioners, or a majority of them, to transfer the said stock, in due form of law, to "The President, Directors, and Company, of the said Bank of the United States of America," as soon as the said bank shall be organized; and, also, Treasury notes for the proportion of the subscriptions, respectively, payable in Treasury notes as aforesaid: *Provided, always*, That if, in consequence of the apportionment of shares in the said bank among the subscribers, in the case and in the manner hereinbefore prescribed, any subscriber shall have delivered to the commissioners, at the time of subscribing, a greater amount of specie, stock, and Treasury notes, than shall be necessary to complete the payments for the share or shares to such subscriber, apportioned as aforesaid, the commissioners shall only retain so much of the said money, stock, and Treasury notes, as shall be necessary to complete such payments, and shall forthwith return, on application for the same, the surplus thereof to the subscriber lawfully entitled thereto. And the commissioners

respectively shall deposit the gold and silver, certificates of stock, and Treasury notes, by them respectively received, as aforesaid, from the subscribers to the said bank, in some place of secure and safe keeping, so that the same may and shall be specifically delivered and transferred, as the same were by them respectively received, to the said President, Directors, and Company, of the said Bank of the United States of America, or to their order, as soon as shall be required after the organization of the said bank.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the United States may, at any time before the expiration of this act, in pursuance of any law which may be passed by Congress for that purpose, cause to be subscribed, for the use of the United States, to said bank, fifty thousand additional shares, to be paid in public stock, bearing an interest of four per cent. per annum, redeemable in any sums, and at any periods, which the government may deem fit.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever and as often as any of the Treasury notes, subscribed as aforesaid, to the said capital stock of the said bank, shall be due and payable, it shall be lawful for the Secretary of the Treasury (and he is hereby authorized and required) to pay and redeem the same, principal and interest, by causing certificates of public stock for an equal amount, bearing an interest of six per cent. per annum, and redeemable in any sums, and at any periods, which the government may deem fit, to be prepared and made in the usual form, and the same to be delivered to the President and Directors of the said bank, in satisfaction and discharge of such Treasury notes.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the subscribers to the said Bank of the United States of America, their successors and assigns, shall be, and are hereby created, a corporation and body politic, by the name and style of "The President, Directors, and Company, of the Bank of the United States of America," and shall so continue until the third day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty five; and by that name shall be, and are hereby made, able and capable in law, to have, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy, and retain, to them and their successors, lands, rents, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, and effects, of whatsoever kind, nature, and quality, to an amount not exceeding in the whole thirty five millions of dollars, including the amount of the capital stock aforesaid; and the same to sell, grant, demise, alien, or dispose of, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all courts and places whatsoever; and also to make, have, and use, a common seal, and the same to break, alter, and renew, at their pleasure; and, also, to ordain, establish, and put in execution, such by-laws and ordinances, and regulations, as they shall deem necessary and convenient, for the government of the said corporation, not being contrary to the constitution and laws of the United States; and generally to do and execute all and singular the acts, matters, and things, which to them it shall or may appertain to do; subject, nevertheless, to the rules, regulations, restrictions, limitations, and provisions, hereinafter prescribed and declared.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That, for the management of the affairs of the said corporation, there shall be twenty-five directors, who shall be elected at the banking house in Philadelphia, on the first Monday of January, in each year, by the stockholders or proprietors of the capital stock of the said corporation, and by a plurality of votes then and there actually given, according to the scale of voting hereinafter prescribed. And the directors, so duly chosen, shall be capable of serving by virtue of such choice, until the end or expiration of the first Monday in January next ensuing the time of such election, and no longer: *Provided, always*, That the first election and appointment of directors shall be at the time, and for the period, hereinafter declared.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That, as soon as the sum of twelve millions of dollars in gold and silver coin, and in the public debt and Treasury notes, shall have been actually received on account of the subscriptions to the said capital stock, (exclusively of the subscription aforesaid on the part of the United States,) notice thereof shall be given by the persons under whose superintendence the subscriptions shall have been made at Philadelphia, in at least two public newspapers, printed in each of the places where subscriptions shall have been made; and the said persons shall, at the same time, and in like manner, notify a time and place within the said city of Philadelphia, at the distance of at least twenty days from the time of such notification, for proceeding to the election of directors as aforesaid; and it shall be lawful for such election to be then and there made. And the persons who shall be then and there chosen as aforesaid, shall be the first directors, and shall proceed to elect one of their number President of the said corporation, and they shall be capable of serving by virtue of such choice until the end and expiration of the first Monday of January next ensuing the time of



making the same, and shall forthwith, thereafter, commence the operations of the said bank, at the said city of Philadelphia: *Provided, always,* That in case it should at any time happen that an election of directors and president of the said corporation should not be made upon any day when, in pursuance of this act, they ought to be made, the said corporation shall not for that cause be deemed to be dissolved; but it shall be lawful on any other day to hold and make an election of directors and president of the said corporation, (as the case may be,) in such manner as shall have been regulated by the by-laws and ordinances of the said corporation; and until such election be so made, the directors and president, for the time being, shall continue in office: *And provided also,* That, in case of the death, resignation, or removal, of the president of the said corporation, the directors shall proceed to elect another president: *And provided also,* That in case of the death, resignation, or absence from the United States, or removal of a director from office, the vacancy shall be supplied by the stockholders.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That the directors, for the time being, shall have power to appoint such officers, clerks, and servants, under them, as shall be necessary for executing the business of the said corporation, and to allow them such compensation for their services respectively, as shall be reasonable; and shall be capable of exercising such other powers and authorities for the well governing and ordering of the affairs of the said corporation, as shall be prescribed, fixed, and determined, by the laws, regulations, and ordinances, of the same.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That the following rules, restrictions, limitations, and provisions, shall form and be fundamental articles of the constitution of the said corporation, to wit:

1. The number of votes to which the stockholders shall be entitled, in voting for directors, shall be according to the number of shares he, she, or they, respectively, shall hold, in the proportions following, that is to say: for one share and not more than two shares, one vote; for every two shares above two and not exceeding ten, one vote; for every four shares above ten and not exceeding thirty, one vote; for every six shares above thirty and not exceeding sixty, one vote; for every eight shares above sixty and not exceeding one hundred, one vote; and for every ten shares above one hundred, one vote. But no person, copartnership, or body politic, shall be entitled to a greater number than thirty votes; and after the first election, no share or shares shall confer a right of voting, which shall not have been holden three calendar months previous to the day of election. And stockholders actually resident within the United States, and none other, may vote in elections by proxy.

2. Not more than three-fourths of the directors in office, at the time of an annual election, shall be elected for the next succeeding year, and no person shall be a director more than three out of four years; but the director who shall be the president at the time of an election, may always be re-elected.

3. None but a resident citizen of the United States, and holding at the time of his election not less than ten shares, bona fide in his own right, shall be a director; and if any director shall cease to be a stockholder to that amount, he shall cease to be a director.

4. No director shall be entitled to any emolument. The stockholders may make such compensation to the president, for his extraordinary attendance at the bank, as shall appear to them reasonable.

5. Not less than seven directors shall constitute a board for the transaction of business, of whom the president shall always be one, except in case of sickness or necessary absence, in which case his place may be supplied by any other director whom he, by writing, under his hand, shall depute for the purpose. And the director so deputed, may do and transact all the necessary business belonging to the office of the president of the said corporation, during the continuance of the sickness or necessary absence of the president.

6. A number of stockholders not less than sixty, who, together, shall be proprietors of one thousand shares or upwards, shall have power at any time to call a general meeting of the stockholders, for purposes relative to the institution, giving at least ten weeks' notice in two public newspapers of the place where the bank is seated, and specifying in such notice the object or objects of such meeting.

7. Every cashier or treasurer, before he enters upon the duties of his office, shall be required to give bond, with two or more sureties, to the satisfaction of the directors, in a sum not less than fifty thousand dollars, with a condition for his good behavior, and the faithful performance of his duties to the corporation.

8. The lands, tenements, and hereditaments, which it shall be lawful for the said corporation to hold, shall be only such as shall be requisite for its immediate accommoda-

tion in relation to the convenient transacting of its business, and such as shall have been bona fide mortgaged to it by way of security, or conveyed to it in satisfaction of debts previously contracted in the course of its dealings, or purchased at sales, upon judgments which shall have been obtained for such debts.

9. The total amount of debts which the said corporation shall at any time owe, whether by bond, bill, note, or other contract, over and above the debt or debts due for money deposited in the bank, shall not exceed the sum of thirty millions of dollars, unless the contracting of any greater debt shall have been previously authorized by a law of the United States. In case of excess, the directors under whose administration it shall happen, shall be liable for the same, in their natural and private capacities, and an action of debt may, in such case, be brought against them, or any of them, their or any of their heirs, executors, or administrators, in any court of record of the United States, or either of them, by any creditor or creditors of the said corporation, and may be prosecuted to judgment and execution, any condition, covenant, or agreement, to the contrary notwithstanding. But this provision shall not be construed to exempt the said corporation, or the lands, tenements, goods, or chattels, of the same, from being also liable for, and chargeable with, the said excess. Such of the said directors who may have been absent when the said excess was contracted or created, or who may have dissented from the resolution or act whereby the same was so contracted or created, may respectively exonerate themselves from being so liable, by forthwith giving notice of the fact, and of their absence or dissent, to the President of the United States, and to the stockholders, at a general meeting, which they shall have power to call for that purpose.

10. The said corporation shall not, directly or indirectly, deal or trade in any thing except bills of exchange, gold or silver bullion, or in the sale of goods really and truly pledged for money lent, and not redeemed in due time, or goods which shall be the proceeds of its lands. It shall not be at liberty to purchase any public debt whatsoever; nor shall it take more than at the rate of six per cent. per annum for or upon its loans or discounts.

11. The said corporation shall not, in any one year, sell any portion of the public debt constituting a part of its capital stock aforesaid, to an amount exceeding five millions of dollars, without the consent of Congress.

12. No loan shall be made by the said corporation, for the use, or on account, of the government of the United States, to an amount exceeding five hundred thousand dollars; or of any particular state, to an amount exceeding fifty thousand dollars; or to any foreign prince or state, unless previously authorized by a law of the United States.

13. The stock of the said corporation shall be assignable and transferable according to such rules as shall be instituted in that behalf, by the laws and ordinances of the same.

14. The bills obligatory and of credit, under the seal of the said corporation, which shall be made to any person or persons, shall be assignable by endorsement thereupon, under the hand or hands of such person or persons, and his, her, or their executors or administrators, and of his, her, or their assignee or assignees, and the executors or administrators of such assignee or assignees, and so as absolutely to transfer and vest the property thereof in each and every assignee or assignees successively, and to enable such assignee or assignees, and his, her, or their executors or administrators, to maintain an action thereupon in his, her, or their own name or names. And the bills or notes which may be issued by order of the said corporation, signed by the president and countersigned by the principal cashier or treasurer thereof, promising the payment of money to any person or persons, his, her, or their order, or to bearer, although not under the seal of the said corporation, shall be binding and obligatory upon the same, in the like manner, and with the like force and effect, as upon any private person or persons, if issued by him, her, or them, in his, her, or their private or natural capacity or capacities, and shall be assignable and negotiable in like manner as if they were so issued by such private person or persons; that is to say: those which shall be payable to any person or persons, his, her, or their order, shall be assignable by endorsement, in like manner, and with the like effect, as foreign bills of exchange now are; and those which are payable to bearer, shall be assignable and negotiable by delivery only.

15. Half yearly dividends shall be made of so much of the profits of the bank as shall appear to the directors adviseable; and once in every three years, the directors shall lay before the stockholders, at a general meeting, for their information, an exact and particular statement of the debts which shall have remained unpaid after the expiration of the original credit, for a period of treble the term of that credit, and of the surplus of profits, if any, after deducting losses and dividends. If there shall be



a failure in the payment of any part of any sum subscribed by any person, co-partnership, or body politic, the party failing shall lose the benefit of any dividend which may have accrued prior to the time for making such payment, and during the delay of the same.

16. The directors of said corporation shall be bound to establish a competent office of discount and deposite in the District of Columbia, whenever any law of the United States shall require such establishment; and it shall be lawful for the said directors to establish offices wheresoever they shall think fit, within the United States or the territories thereof, for the purposes of discount, deposite, and distribution; or for the purposes of deposite and distribution only; and upon the same terms, and in the same manner, as shall be practised at the bank; and to commit the management of the said offices, and the business thereof respectively, to such persons, and under such regulations, as they shall deem proper, not being contrary to law or to the constitution of the bank. Or, instead of establishing such offices, it shall be lawful for the directors of the said corporation, from time to time, to employ any other bank or banks, at any place or places that they may deem safe and proper, to manage and transact the business proposed as aforesaid to be managed and transacted by such offices, under such agreements, and subject to such regulations, as they shall deem just and proper. But the managers or directors of every office of discount, deposite, and distribution, established as aforesaid, shall be annually appointed by the directors of the bank, to serve one year; each of them shall be a citizen of the United States, and shall hold, at the time of his appointment, not less than five shares in the said bank, bona fide in his own right; and if he shall cease to be a stockholder to that amount, he shall cease to be a manager or director of such office of discount, deposite, and distribution; and not more than three-fourths of the said managers or directors in office at the time of an annual appointment, shall be re-appointed for the next succeeding year; nor shall any person be a manager or director for more than three out of four years; but the president may be always re-appointed.

17. The said corporation, all offices of discount, deposite, and distribution, and of deposite and distribution only, which shall be established by the said directors as aforesaid, and all banks by the said directors employed in lieu of such offices as aforesaid, shall be bound to receive, upon deposite, the treasury notes of the United States which have been, or may be hereafter issued by virtue of any law or laws of the United States; but it shall be optional with the said corporation to pay and discharge the checks or drafts of the persons making such deposite, in treasury notes, for the amount thereof, either in gold or silver coin, or in the notes of the bank, or in treasury notes. And all banks by the said directors employed as aforesaid, in lieu of the offices aforesaid, shall be further bound to receive on deposite, and to circulate, the notes of the said corporation, on the same terms, and in the same manner, as the notes of the said banks respectively are received and circulated; and, from time to time, issue and exchange for the said notes of the said corporation, other notes of the said corporation, or the notes of the said banks respectively, or treasury notes, at the option of the persons applying for such issue or exchange. The said corporation shall, at all times, distribute among the offices of discount, deposite, and distribution, and of deposite and distribution only, and at all the banks employed in lieu of such offices as aforesaid, a sufficient sum, in the various denominations of the notes of the said corporation, and in the treasury notes which it may receive upon deposite from the government, to answer the demand therefor, and to establish a sufficient circulating medium throughout the United States and the territories thereof.

18. The officer at the head of the Treasury Department of the United States shall be furnished, from time to time, as often as he may require, not exceeding once a week, with statements of the amount of capital stock of the said corporation, and of the debts due to the same; of the moneys deposited therein; of the notes in circulation; and of the cash in hand; and shall have a right to inspect such general accounts in the books of the bank as shall relate to the said statement: *Provided*, That this shall not be construed to imply a right of inspecting the account of any private individual or individuals with the bank.

Sec. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That if the said corporation, or any person or persons for or to the use of the same, shall deal or trade in buying or selling any goods, wares, merchandise, or commodities whatsoever, contrary to the provisions of this act, all and every person and persons by whom any order or direction for so dealing or trading shall have been given, and all and every person and persons who shall have been concerned as parties or agents therein, shall forfeit and lose treble the value of the goods, wares, merchandises, and commodities, in which such dealing and trade shall

have been; one half thereof to the use of the informer, and the other half thereof to the use of the United States, to be recovered in any action at law, with costs of suit.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That if the said corporation shall advance or lend any sum of money, for the use or on account of the government of the United States, to an amount exceeding three hundred thousand dollars; or of any particular state, to an amount exceeding fifty thousand dollars; or of any foreign prince or state, (unless previously authorized thereto by a law of the United States,) all and every person and persons, by and with whose order, agreement, consent, approbation, and connivance, such unlawful advance or loan shall have been made, upon conviction thereof, shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, treble the value or amount of the sum or sums which shall have been so unlawfully advanced or lent; one-fifth thereof to the use of the informer, and the residue thereof to the use of the United States.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That the bills or notes of the said corporation, originally made payable, or which shall have become payable, on demand, shall be receivable in all payments to the United States, until otherwise directed by act of Congress.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That if the subscriptions and payments to the said bank shall not be made and completed, so as to enable the same to commence its operations, or if the said bank shall not commence its operations on or before the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, then, and in that case, this act shall be null and void.

SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall at all times be lawful for a committee of either House of Congress, appointed for that purpose, to inspect the books, and to examine into the proceedings, of the corporation hereby created, and to report whether the provisions of this charter have been by the same violated or not: and whenever any committee as aforesaid, shall find and report, or the President of the United States shall have reason to believe, that the charter has been violated, it may be lawful for Congress to direct, or the President to order, a scire facias to be sued out of the circuit court of the district of Pennsylvania, in the name of the United States, (which shall be executed upon the president of the corporation, for the time being, at least fifteen days before the commencement of the term of said court,) calling on the said corporation to show cause wherefore the charter hereby granted shall not be declared forfeited; and it shall be lawful for the said court, upon the return of the said scire facias, to examine into the truth of the alleged violation; and if such violation be made appear, then to pronounce and adjudge, that the said charter is forfeited and annulled: *Provided, however*, Every issue of fact which may be joined between the United States and the corporation aforesaid shall be tried by jury. And it shall be lawful for the court aforesaid to require the production of such of the books of the corporation as it may deem necessary for the ascertainment of the controverted facts; and the final judgment of the court aforesaid shall be examinable in the supreme court of the United States, by writ of error, and may be there reversed or affirmed, according to the usages of law.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That, during the continuance of this act, and whenever required by the Secretary of the Treasury, the said corporation shall do and perform the several and respective duties of the Commissioners of Loans for the several states, or of any one or more of them, at the times, in the manner, and upon the terms, to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That no other bank shall be established by any future law of the United States, during the continuance of the corporation hereby created; for which the faith of the United States is hereby pledged: *Provided*, Congress may renew existing charters for banks in the District of Columbia, not increasing the capital thereof; and may grant charters, if they deem it expedient, to any banking associations now in operation, in the said District, and renew the same, not increasing the capital thereof. And notwithstanding the expiration of the term for which the said corporation is created, it shall be lawful to use the corporate name, style, and capacity, for the purpose of suits, for the final settlement and liquidation of the affairs and accounts of the corporation, and for the sale and disposition of their estate, real, personal, and mixed, but not for any other purpose, or in any other manner whatsoever: nor for a period exceeding two years, after the expiration of the said term of incorporation.

LANGDON CHEVES,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

JOHN GAILLARD,

*President of the Senate, pro tempore.*



The President's objections were also again read; and,

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Thursday next.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

*Ordered*, That the consideration of the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to extend the time of Oliver Evans' patent for his improvement on steam engines," be further postponed until to-morrow.

The bill, entitled "An act giving further time to the purchasers of public lands to complete their payments," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act attaching to the Canton district, in the state of Ohio, the tract of land lying between the foot of the rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie, and the Connecticut Western Reserve," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1815.

The bill to allow a drawback of duties on spirits distilled, and certain goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured, within the United States, was read a second time.

Mr. Smith presented the memorial of the committee of vigilance and safety, of the city and precincts of Baltimore, praying effectual protection against the enemy, as is stated in the memorial; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it be printed for the use of the Senate, and that it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Ordered*, That two members be added to the Committee on Military Affairs; and, Messrs. Smith and Varnum were appointed.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed three enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to prohibit intercourse with the enemy, and for other purposes."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act giving the right of pre-emption in the purchase of lands to certain settlers in the Indiana territory;" also, a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed, by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The two bills last mentioned were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

Mr. Varnum, from the Militia Committee, reported a bill to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States; and the bill was read.

Mr. Tait, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act concerning Matthew Guy, John Woodward, Samuel Tennison, and Wilfred Drury," reported it with amendments.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same,'" and the act, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, and on gold and silver watches," reported it with amendments.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the better regulation of the ordnance department," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and the amendments having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Ordered*, That the bill as amended be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs, further to consider and report thereon.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?



It was determined in the negative,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas . . . . . 15,} \\ \text{Nays . . . . . 19.} \end{array} \right.$

The question being taken by yeas and nays, as prescribed by the constitution of the United States,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, German, Giles, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, King, Lambert, Mason, Tait, and Thompson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Barbour, Barry, Bibb, Chace, Condit, Gaillard, Kerr, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Smith, Talbot, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, Wells, and Wharton.

So it was

*Resolved*, That this bill do not pass, two-thirds of the Senate not agreeing thereto.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary acquaint the House of Representatives therewith.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act to extend the time of Oliver Evans' patent, for his improvement on steam engines."

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That they concur therein.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1815.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to amend the act laying duties on licences to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise, and for other purposes;' also, the bill, entitled "An act to prohibit intercourse with the enemy, and for other purposes."

On motion, by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States," be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Giles, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was recommitted the bill, entitled "An act for the better regulation of the ordnance department," reported it with amendments; which were read, and considered as in committee of the whole; and, having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The President of the United States, on the 27th ultimo, approved and signed "An act to authorize the President of the United States to accept the services of state troops and of volunteers;" and, on the 28th, "An act for the relief of William Robinson, and others."

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Saltus, Son, and Company, merchants of the city of New York;" a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to receive into the service of the United States certain corps which may be raised and organized by any state, to serve in lieu of the militia thereof;" a bill, entitled "An act for the regulation of the courts of justice of Indiana;" a bill, entitled "An act to amend and extend the provisions of the act of the sixteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, entitled 'An act confirming certain claims to land in the Illinois territory, and providing for their location;'" also, a bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The five bills last mentioned were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

It was determined in the affirmative.



The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same,'" and the act, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, and on gold and silver watches," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and, the amendments having been agreed to in part, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly; and

Mr. Kerr moved to amend the bill, by adding thereto a new section, as follows:

"*And be it further enacted*, That, if either the states of Ohio or Louisiana shall pay its quota of the direct tax according to the provisions of the aforesaid act, the legislatures thereof shall be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to collect of all the purchasers of public lands under any law of the United States, a just and equal proportion of the quota of said states respectively, the compact between the United States and the said states to the contrary notwithstanding."

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1815.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Saltus, Son, and Co. merchants, of the city of New York," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. King, Roberts, and German, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act for the regulation of the courts of justice of Indiana," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Morrow, Talbot, and Chace, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to receive into the service of the United States certain corps which may be raised and organized by any state, to serve in lieu of the militia thereof," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Taylor, Chace, and Roberts, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act to amend and extend the provisions of the act of the sixteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, entitled 'An act confirming certain claims to land in the Illinois territory, and providing for their location,'" was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee appointed the 21st September, on the memorial of the legislature of the Indiana territory, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Barbour gave notice, that, to-morrow, he should ask leave to bring in a bill to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States of America.

The bill making appropriations for repairing or rebuilding the public buildings within the city of Washington having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time, and the blank filled with "five hundred thousand dollars."

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act making appropriations for repairing or rebuilding the public buildings within the city of Washington."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to alter and amend the several acts for establishing a Navy Department, by adding thereto a Board of Commissioners," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

On the question, Shall this bill pass as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas . . . . . 16,} \\ \text{Nays . . . . . 8.} \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Turner,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Barbour, Chace, Daggett, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Giles, Gore, Horsey, Kerr, Mason, Morrow, Tait, Taylor, Thompson, and Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Condit, Lacock, Lambert, Roberts, Smith, Turner, and Varnum.

So it was

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the better regulation of the ordnance department," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill, entitled "An act concerning Weston Jenkins and others," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act concerning Matthew Guy, John Woodward, Samuel Tennison, and Wilfred Drury," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

On motion, by Mr. Gore,

*Ordered*, That the bill be recommitted to the Committee on Naval Affairs, further to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had, on the 3d instant, laid before the President of the United States the four enrolled bills last reported to have been examined; and that they have examined, and found duly enrolled, the bill, entitled "An act to extend the time of Oliver Evans' patent for his improvement on steam engines."

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the purchase of a tract of land for the use of the United States," together with the amendment reported thereto by the select committee.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the consideration thereof be further postponed to Monday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same,'" and the act, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, and on gold and silver watches."

Mr. Kerr's motion to add a new section was withdrawn; and

The bill having been further amended, by adding thereto a new section, proposed by Mr. King,

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act laying duties on licences to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise;" and, no amendment having been proposed,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a duty on gold, silver, and plated ware, and jewelry and paste work, manufactured within the United States;" a bill, entitled "An act concerning the College of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia;" also, a bill, entitled "An act to



provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government and maintaining the public credit, by laying a duty on lotteries;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The three bills last mentioned were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be delivered to the President of the United States.

The President laid before the Senate a letter from the Secretary for the Department of Treasury, transmitting sundry documents, exhibiting a view of the revenues of the United States, as stated in the report made to Congress, from that Department, on the 23d day of September last, not having been at that time prepared, owing to the early meeting of Congress; and the letter and documents therein referred to were read.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the consideration of the bill to allow a drawback of duties on spirits distilled, and certain goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured, within the United States, be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Monday next.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1815.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act concerning Weston Jenkins and others;" also, the bill, entitled "An act to alter and amend the several acts for establishing a Navy Department, by adding thereto a Board of Commissioners."

The bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a duty on gold, silver, and plated ware, and jewelry and paste work, manufactured within the United States," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen," to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a duty on lotteries," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the same committee, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Ordered*, That two members be added to the committee last mentioned; and, Mr. Daggett and Mr. Brown were appointed.

The bill, entitled "An act concerning the College of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia," was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act to amend the act laying duties on licences to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Benjamin Wells and others," reported it with amendments.

The Senate resumed the motion for the appointment of an assistant doorkeeper; and,

On motion, by Mr. Turner,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the fourth day of March next.

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

*Resolved*, That the committee to whom was referred that part of the message of the President of the United States, of the 20th September last, which relates to the military establishment, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law for the payment of the militia which have been called out by the authority of any state for the defence of any part of the United States against invasion, since the commencement of the present war, and not taken into the pay of the United States; and for reimbursing any state for any moneys advanced for pay, rations, camp equipage, and other expenses necessarily incurred in calling out such militia, according to

the rules and regulations prescribed by law for defraying the expenses of calling out the militia by authority of the United States.

The President laid before the Senate the report of the Secretary for the Department of Treasury, prepared in conformity with the act of March 3d, 1809, further to amend the several acts for the establishment of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments, with statements of the purchases or payments for supplies, made by the collectors of the customs, during the year 1813, in relation to the revenue, and to the temporary relief of sick and disabled seamen; and the report, together with the accompanying documents, were read.

Agreeably to the order of the day, the Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to allow a drawback of duties on spirits distilled, and certain goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured, within the United States; and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same,'" and the act, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, and on gold and silver watches," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended; and,

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

The bill was further amended by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Resolved*, That it be recommitted to a select committee, further to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Giles, King, and Taylor, be the committee.

Mr. Barbour, agreeably to notice given, asked leave to introduce a bill to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States of America.

This was objected to, by Mr. Mason, as out of order, as a bill of a similar nature, passed by both Houses of Congress, and returned by the President of the United States with his objections to the same, had, on reconsideration, been negatived by the Senate.

The President decided it to be in order, considering it to be sanctioned by the practice of Congress in relation to bills thus returned by the President of the United States.

Whereupon,

The bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The President communicated a report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, stating that the measures which have been authorized by the board, subsequent to their last report, of the 5th of February, 1814, so far as the same have been completed, are fully detailed in the report of the Secretary of the Treasury to this board, dated the 6th day of the present month, and in the statements therein referred to, which are herewith transmitted, and prayed to be received as part of this report; which was read.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the purchase of a tract of land for the use of the United States," together with the amendment reported thereto by the select committee; and the amendment having been disagreed to, the President reported the bill to the House without amendment.

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Thursday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*. The President of the United States, on the 2d instant, approved and signed "An act for the relief of William Arnold;" "An act for the relief of James Brabany;" and "An act for the relief of Farrington Barkelow, administrator of Mary Rappleyea;" and, on the 4th instant, "An act to prohibit intercourse with the enemy, and for other purposes;" "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to amend the act laying duties on licences to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise, and for other purposes,'" "An act attaching to the Canton dis-



tract, in the state of Ohio, the tract of land lying between the foot of the Rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie and the Connecticut Western Reserve;" also, "An act giving further time to the purchasers of public lands to complete their payments." The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the better regulation of the ordnance department." They also concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to alter and amend the several acts for establishing a Navy Department, by adding thereto a Board of Commissioners." They have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the Anacosta Bridge Company;" also, a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of David Darden;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The two bills last mentioned were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1815.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of David Darden," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Barbour, Talbot, and Varnum, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the Anacosta Bridge Company," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the President and Directors of the Washington Bridge Company, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed the bill, entitled "An act concerning the college of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia."

On motion, by Mr. Goldsborough,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Goldsborough, Fromentin, and Horsey, be the committee.

Mr. Brown, from the committee to whom was referred several memorials from a number of the inhabitants of the Mississippi territory, reported a bill for quieting and adjusting claims to land in the Mississippi territory; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Tait, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act directing the manner of contracts and purchases in the Navy Department, and for promoting economy therein," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1815," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Giles, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to receive into the service of the United States certain corps which may be raised and organized by any state, to serve in lieu of the militia thereof," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Fromentin, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the late county of New Madrid, in the Missouri territory, who suffered by earthquakes," reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Resolved*, That the committee appointed on so much of the President's message as relates to military affairs, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing for the appointment of a suitable number of veterinary surgeons, to be attached to the army of the United States.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the purchase of a tract of land for the use of the United States," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Benjamin Wells and others," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and, the amendments having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Kerr presented the petition of Nicholas Boilevin, praying reimbursement for certain property destroyed by the Indians, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Kerr,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Kerr, Giles, and Anderson, be the committee.

Mr. Gore, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Perkins," reported it without amendment.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1815.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act laying duties on licences to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise;" the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the purchase of a tract of land for the use of the United States;" also, the bill, entitled "An act for the better regulation of the ordnance department."

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

It was agreed that a member be added to the committee appointed agreeably to the 22d rule for conducting business in the Senate, in place of Mr. Bledsoe; and Mr. Barry was appointed.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill for the relief of Bowie and Kurtz, and others, reported it without amendment.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act making provision for subsisting the army of the United States, by authorizing the appointment of commissaries of subsistence;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The President signed the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The bill to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States of America was read the second time.

A motion was made, by Mr. Giles, to refer it to a select committee; which was determined in the negative; and,

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

The Senate proceeded to consider the bill as in committee of the whole; and Mr. Anderson was requested to take the chair.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

To strike out, of section 2, line 15, the words "heretofore created or:"

It was determined in the negative, { Yeas . . . . . 15,  
Nays . . . . . 18.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present, Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Giles, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, Kerr, King, Lambert, Mason, Thompson, and Wells.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Barbour, Barry, Bibb, Chace, Condit, Dana, Howell, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Smith, Talbot, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Wharton.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1815.

The bill brought up yesterday from the House of Representatives for concurrence was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The President communicated the report of the Secretary for the Department of War, comprehending contracts made by him in the year 1814, and those made by the Commissary General in the same year, in compliance with "An act concerning public contracts," passed the 21st April, 1808; and the report was read.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Benjamin Wells and others," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill to allow a drawback of duties on spirits distilled, and certain goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured, within the United States, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time; and the blanks were filled; and the bill was amended by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to allow a drawback of duties on spirits distilled, and certain goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured within the United States, on the exportation thereof to any foreign port or place."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. King presented the petition of Gould Hoyt, of the city of New York, owner of the ship called the American Eagle, praying indemnification for the loss sustained by him, in consequence of the illegal seizure of said ship by the collector of the port of New York; as is stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. King,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the Secretary for the Department of Treasury, to consider and report thereon to the Senate.

Mr. Tait, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was recommitted the bill, entitled "An act concerning Matthew Guy, John Woodward, Samuel Tennison, and Wilfred Drury," reported it with amendment.

The bill for quieting and adjusting claims to land in the Mississippi territory was read the second time.

Mr. Giles from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the resolution of the Senate, of the 7th instant, relative to veterinary surgeons, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to provide for the appointment of veterinary surgeons, to be attached to the army of the United States.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom was referred, on the 19th January, the resolution relative to compensation to individuals whose property may have been destroyed during the war, by the constituted authorities of the United States, reported the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient, at this time, to provide by a general law for making compensation to individuals whose property may have been destroyed during the war, by the constituted authorities of the United States, or whose property may have been occupied for, or appropriated to, public purposes.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had, on the 8th instant, laid before the President of the United States the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States of America; and Mr. Anderson was requested to take the chair; and, after debate,

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1815.

The bill, entitled "An act making provision for subsisting the army of the United States, by authorizing the appointment of commissaries of subsistence," was read the second time.

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,  
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,  
Messrs. Brown, Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Giles, Goldsborough,  
Gore, Hunter, Kerr, King, Lambert, Mason, and Thompson.



On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

On motion, by Mr. Daggett,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

On motion,

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1815.**

*Ordered, That it pass to the second reading.*

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1815;" and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Giles, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making provision for subsisting the army of the United States, by authorizing the appointment of commissaries of subsistence," reported it with amendments.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

On motion, by Mr. Mason,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

So it was

After the consideration of Executive business,

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1815.**

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act regulating the Post-Office establishment," was read the second time.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Benjamin Wells and others;" also, the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for repairing or rebuilding the public buildings within the city of Washington."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed two enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of Treasury notes, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to receive into the service of the United States certain corps which may be raised and organized by any state, to serve in lieu of the militia thereof."

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it be recommitted to the Committee on Military Affairs, further to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act directing the manner of contracts and purchases in the Navy Department, and for promoting economy therein."

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

*Resolved*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the second Monday in March next.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the late county of New Madrid, in the Missouri territory, who suffered by earthquakes," together with the amendment reported thereto by the select committee, which was disagreed to; and an amendment having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Perkins;" and no amendment having been proposed,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

Mr. Hunter presented the petition of Edward Martin, of Newport, in the state of Rhode Island, confined in prison at the suit of the United States, praying to be released therefrom; for reasons stated at large in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Hunter,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Hunter, Fromentin, and Brown, be the committee.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill for the relief of Bowie and Kurtz and others; and, no amendment having been agreed to,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots\dots\dots 13, \\ \text{Nays} \dots\dots\dots 9. \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,



Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Brown, Daggett, Fromentin, Gaillard, Giles, Goldsborough, Gore, Hunter, King, Smith, Thompson, and Wells.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Condit, German, Lacock, Morrow, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Wharton.

Mr. Giles, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported the following resolutions, which were read and passed to the second reading:

*Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the thanks of Congress be, and they are hereby, given to Major General Jackson, and through him to the officers and soldiers of the regular army, of the militia, and of the volunteers, under his immediate command, for their uniform gallantry and good conduct, conspicuously displayed against the enemy from the time of his landing before New Orleans, until his final expulsion therefrom; and particularly for their distinguished gallantry, skill, and good conduct, on the 8th of January last, in repulsing, with great slaughter, a numerous British army of chosen veteran troops, when attempting, by a bold and daring attack, to storm and carry the works hastily thrown up for the defence of New Orleans, and thereby obtaining a most signal and complete victory over the enemy, with a disparity of loss, on his part, unexampled in military annals.

*Resolved,* That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be struck a gold medal, with devices emblematical of this splendid achievement, and presented to Major General Jackson, as a testimony of the high sense entertained by Congress of the judicious and distinguished part he acted on this glorious and memorable occasion.

*Resolved,* That the President of the United States be requested to cause the foregoing resolutions to be communicated to Major General Jackson, in such terms as he may deem best calculated to give effect to the objects thereof.

Mr. Giles, from the same committee, also reported the following resolutions, which were read and passed to the second reading:

*Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Congress entertain a high sense of the patriotism, fidelity, zeal, and courage, with which the people of Louisiana promptly and unanimously stepped forth, under circumstances of imminent danger from a powerful invading army, in the defence of all the individual, social, and political rights held dear by man. Congress declare and proclaim, that the brave Louisianians deserve well of the whole people of the United States.

*Resolved,* That Congress entertain a high sense of the generosity, benevolence, and humanity, displayed by the people of New Orleans, in voluntarily affording the best accommodations in their power, and giving the kindest attentions to the wounded, not only of our own army, but also to the wounded prisoners of a fallen, though vindictive foe.

*Resolved,* That the President of the United States be requested to cause the foregoing resolutions to be communicated to his Excellency the Governor of Louisiana, accompanied with a request that he cause the greatest possible publicity to be given to them, for the information of the whole people of Louisiana.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for quieting and adjusting claims to land in the Mississippi territory.

On motion, by Mr. Brown,

*Ordered,* That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Thursday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making provision for subsisting the army of the United States, by authorizing the appointment of commissaries of subsistence," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and, the amendments having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time, as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Tait, from the committee on Naval Affairs, reported the following resolutions, which were read and passed to the second reading:

*Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Congress entertain a high sense of the valor and good conduct of Commodore D. T. Patterson, of the officers, petty officers, and seamen, attached to his command, for their prompt and efficient co-operation with General Jack-

son in the late gallant and successful defence of the city of New Orleans, when assailed by a powerful British force.

*Resolved*, That Congress entertain a high sense of the valor and good conduct of Major Daniel Carmick, of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and marines, under his command, in the defence of the said city, on the late memorable occasion.

Mr. Horsey submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed on the part of the Senate, to join such committee as may be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to inquire into the expediency of causing the chambers at present occupied by the two Houses of Congress, or others in the same building, to be altered and fitted up for the better accommodation of the two Houses.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning Matthew Guy, John Woodward, Samuel Tennison, and Wilfred Drury," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the second Monday in March next,

It was determined in the affirmative, { Yeas . . . . . 14,  
Nays . . . . . 11.

On motion, by Mr. Lacock,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Barry, Condit, Daggett, Fromentin, Gaillard, Goldsborough, Gore, King, Tait, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, and Varnum.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, German, Giles, Hunter, Kerr, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Smith, Wells, and Wharton.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the bill to authorize the settlement and payment of certain claims for the services of the militia.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to, and made the order of the day for, Thursday next.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution reported by the Committee on Military Affairs, the 9th instant, relative to veterinary surgeons; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution reported, the 9th instant, by the committee to whom was referred, on the 19th January, the resolution relative to compensation to individuals whose property may have been destroyed during the war, by the constituted authorities of the United States; and agreed thereto.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1815.

The bill, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of Treasury notes for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Smith, King, and Taylor, be the committee.

The resolutions expressive of the thanks of Congress to Major General Jackson, and the troops under his command, for their gallantry and good conduct in the defence of New Orleans, were read the second time and considered as in committee of the whole, and amended; and the President reported them to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall these resolutions be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The resolutions expressive of the high sense entertained by Congress of the patriotism and good conduct of the people of Louisiana and New Orleans, during the late military operations before that city, were read the second time and considered as in committee of the whole; and, having been amended, the President reported them to the House accordingly.



On the question, Shall these resolutions be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The resolutions expressive of the high sense entertained by Congress of the gallantry and good conduct of Commodore D. T. Patterson, Major D. Carmick, and of the officers, seamen, and marines, under their command, in the defence of New Orleans, were read the second time and considered as in committee of the whole; and, no amendment having been proposed,

On the question, Shall these resolutions be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the late county of New Madrid, in the Missouri territory, who suffered by earthquakes," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making provision for subsisting the army of the United States by authorizing the appointment of commissaries of subsistence," were reported by the committee correctly engrossed.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Perkins," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill for the relief of Bowie and Kurtz, and others, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas . . . . . 15,} \\ \text{Nays . . . . . 14.} \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Chace,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, Gaillard, Giles, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Kerr, King, Lambert, Smith, Thompson, and Wells.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Chace, Condit, German, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Robinson, Talbot, Tait, Taylor, Turner, Varnum, and Wharton.

So it was

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of Bowie and Kurtz, and others."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed an enrolled bill, I am directed to bring it to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1815," with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act making provision for clothing the militia called into the service of the United States;" also, a bill, entitled "An act requiring the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, in the Congress of the United States, to give security for the faithful application and disbursement of the contingent funds of the Senate and House of Representatives;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The President signed the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined, and it was delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the enrolled bill last reported to have been examined.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1815.

The resolutions expressive of the thanks of Congress to Major General Jackson, and the troops under his command, for their gallantry and good conduct in the defence of New Orleans, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were read a third time as amended, and passed unanimously, as follows:

*Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the thanks of Congress be, and they are hereby, given to Major General Jackson, and, through him, to the officers and soldiers of the regular army, of the militia, and of the volunteers under his immediate command, and to the officers and soldiers charged with the defence of Fort St. Philip, for their uniform gallantry and good conduct, conspicuously displayed against the enemy, from the time of his landing before New Orleans until his final expulsion from the state of Louisiana, and particularly for their valor, skill, and good conduct, on the 8th of January last, in repulsing, with great slaughter, a numerous British army of chosen veteran troops, when attempting, by a bold and daring attack, to storm and carry the works hastily thrown up for the defence of New Orleans, and thereby obtaining a most signal and complete victory over the enemy, with a disparity of loss, on his part, unexampled in military annals.

*Resolved,* That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be struck a gold medal, with devices emblematical of this splendid achievement, and presented to Major General Jackson, as a testimony of the high sense entertained by Congress, of his judicious and distinguished conduct on that memorable occasion.

*Resolved,* That the President of the United States be requested to cause the foregoing resolutions to be communicated to Major General Jackson, in such terms as he may deem best calculated to give effect to the objects thereof.

*Ordered,* That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The resolutions expressive of the high sense entertained by Congress of the patriotism and good conduct of the people of Louisiana and of New Orleans, during the late military operations before that city, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were read a third time as amended, and having been further amended by unanimous consent, passed unanimously, as follows:

*Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Congress entertain a high sense of the patriotism, fidelity, zeal, and courage, with which the people of the state of Louisiana promptly and unanimously stepped forth, under circumstance of imminent danger from a powerful invading army, in defence of all the individual, social, and political rights, held dear by man. Congress declare and proclaim, that the brave Louisianians deserve well of the whole people of the United States.

*Resolved,* That Congress entertain a high sense of the generosity, benevolence, and humanity, displayed by the people of New Orleans, in voluntarily affording the best accommodations in their power, and giving the kindest attentions to the wounded, not only of our own army, but also to the wounded prisoners of a vanquished foe.

*Resolved,* That the President of the United States be requested to cause the foregoing resolutions to be communicated to his Excellency the Governor of Louisiana, accompanied with a request, that he cause the greatest possible publicity to be given to them, for the information of the whole people of Louisiana.

*Ordered,* That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The resolutions expressive of the high sense entertained by Congress of the gallantry and good conduct of Commodore D. T. Patterson and Major D. Carnick, and of the officers, seamen, and marines under their command, in the defence of New Orleans, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, were read a third time, and passed unanimously, as follows:

*Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Congress entertain a high sense of the valor and good conduct of Commodore D. T. Patterson, of the officers, petty officers, and seamen, attached to his command, for their prompt and efficient co-operation with General Jackson, in the late gallant and successful defence of the city of New Orleans, when assailed by a powerful British force.

*Resolved,* That Congress entertain a high sense of the valor and good conduct of Major Daniel Carnick, of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and marines, under his command, in the defence of the said city, on the late memorable occasion.



*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making provision for subsisting the army of the United States, by authorizing the appointment of commissaries of subsistence," be postponed to Monday next.

The two bills brought up yesterday for concurrence were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to inquire into the expediency or causing the chambers at present occupied by the two houses of Congress, or others in the same building, to be altered and fitted up, for their better accommodation, was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and no amendment having been proposed thereto,

On the question, Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen."

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That they concur therein.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the bill to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States be postponed to Monday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act regulating the post office establishment."

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen," to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Morrow presented the petition of Michael Jones and W. Bond, the register and receiver of public moneys for the district of Kaskaskias, praying additional compensation for their services; for reasons stated at large in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred, the 21st September last, the memorial of the Legislature of the Indiana territory, to consider and report thereon, by bill or otherwise.

After the consideration of the Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1815.

Mr. Lacock, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Smith and Bratton Caldwell," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act regulating the sale of certain reserved sections of land in the state of Ohio," reported it without amendment.

Mr. King, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Saktus, Son, and Company, merchants of the city of New York," reported it without amendment; and the bill was considered as in committee of the whole.

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the late county of New Madrid, in the Missouri territory, who suffered by earthquakes;" also, the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Perkins."

Mr. Bibb presented the petition of Thomas Law and others, inhabitants of the city of Washington, praying the division and sale of certain open squares in said city; as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Bibb, Barbour, Smith, Daggett, and Chace, be the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives concur in the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the late county of New Madrid, in the Missouri territory, who suffered by earthquakes."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Uriah Coolidge and James Burnham," in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The President signed the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Barbour, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of David Darden," reported it without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Lacock,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the salary of the sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, and that the committee be authorized to report by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Lacock, Anderson, and Barbour, be the committee.

Mr. Varnum presented the petition of William Malcom and others, owners of the privateer Washington, praying the United States to release their claim to certain prizes captured by them, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

The resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to inquire into the expediency of causing the chambers at present occupied by the two houses of Congress, or others in the same building, to be altered and fitted up, for the better accommodation of the two Houses, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Horsey, Fromentin, and Goldsborough, be the committee on the part of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

*Mr. President*: The President of the United States, on the 13th instant, approved and signed "An act making appropriations for repairing or rebuilding the public buildings within the city of Washington;" and, on the 14th instant, "An act in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the state of Maryland, to the state of Ohio."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1815.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob Shinnick, and Shoultz and Vogeler, of Christian Chapman, and the legal representative of John Calef, deceased," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Smith submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Military Affairs be instructed to consider the propriety of reducing the military establishment of the United States, with authority to report by bill or otherwise.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

*Resolved*, That the committee to whom was referred so much of the President's message as relates to naval affairs, be instructed to inquire what provision should be made by law for protecting the commerce and seamen of the United States against any of the Barbary powers.



Mr. Lacock, from the committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill increasing the compensation allowed the sergeant-at-arms of the Senate; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Smith, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of Treasury notes for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen," reported it with amendments, which were considered as in committee of the whole; and,

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Saltus, Son, and Company, merchants, of the city of New York," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Uriah Coolidge and James Burnham," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act requiring the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, in the Congress of the United States, to give security for the faithful application and disbursement of the contingent funds of the Senate and House of Representatives," was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act making provision for clothing the militia called into the service of the United States," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on the Militia, to consider and report thereon.

The President communicated the report of the Secretary for the Department of Treasury, on the petition of Gould Hoyt, referred to him by resolution of the Senate of the 9th instant; and the report was read.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of David Darden."

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was lost.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had, on the 16th instant, laid before the President of the United States the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize the settlement and payment of certain claims for the services of the militia; and, no amendment having been proposed thereto,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act giving the right of pre-emption in the purchase of lands to certain settlers in the Indiana territory," reported it with amendments:

Mr. King, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same,'" and the act, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, and on gold and silver watches," reported it with an additional amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Smith and Bratton Caldwell;" and, no amendment having been proposed,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

Mr. Dana submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the committee to whom were referred certain messages of the President of the United States concerning foreign relations, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law to release all or any claims of the United States to penalties or forfeitures, under acts which have imposed prohibitions or ter-

porary restrictions on commercial intercourse, and to discontinue all prosecutions therefor, upon payment of costs legally incurred.

On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to inquire, whether the act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes, which will expire at the end of the present session of Congress, ought not to be continued in force for a further term.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Morrow, Anderson, and Barry, be the committee.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning, to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1815.

Mr. Varnum, from the Committee on the Militia, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making provision for clothing the militia called into the service of the United States," reported it with an amendment.

Mr. Gore presented the petition of John Frothingham and Arthur Tappan, merchants, of Boston, stating that they are native citizens of the United States, and were residing in Montreal, for the purpose of trade, at the time war was declared between the United States and Great Britain, at which time they returned to the United States, and removed a part of their merchandise; and praying to be relieved from penalties incurred by the violation of the non-importation laws, in consequence of their withdrawing their effects from Canada; and the petitions were read.

On motion, by Mr. Gore,

*Resolved*, That they be respectively referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Gore, Anderson, and Smith, be the committee.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee appointed to consider the subject, reported a bill to continue in force, for a limited time, the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;" and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Smith and Bratton Caldwell," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Tait, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Uriah Coolidge and James Burnham," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act regulating the post office establishment," reported it without amendment.

The Senate resumed the motion made the 17th instant, by Mr. Dana, instructing the Committee on Foreign Relations to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law to release certain claims of the United States; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed the bill for quieting and adjusting claims to land in the Mississippi territory.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Monday next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have postponed, indefinitely, the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate the subscribers to the Bank of the United States of America."

The President of the United States, on the 13th instant, approved and signed "An act for the relief of Benjamin Wells and others;" on the 16th instant, "An act making appropriations for the support of government for the year 1815;" and on the 17th instant, "An act for the relief of Joseph Perkins;" also, "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the late county of New Madrid, in the Mississippi territory."

The House of Representatives concur in the resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to inquire into the expediency of causing the chambers at present occupied by the two Houses of Congress, or others in the same building, to be altered and fitted up for their better accommodation; and have appointed a committee on their part.

The House have passed the resolutions expressive of the high sense entertained by Congress of the gallantry and good conduct of Commodore D. T. Patterson, and Major D. Carmick, and of the officers, seamen, and marines, under their command, in the defence of New Orleans.



They have passed the resolutions expressive of the high sense entertained by Congress of the patriotism and good conduct of the people of Louisiana and New Orleans, during the late military operations before that city.

They have unanimously passed the resolutions expressive of the thanks of Congress to Major General Jackson, and the troops under his command, for their gallantry and good conduct in the defence of New Orleans, with an amendment; in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act giving further time to complete the surveys and obtain the patents for lands located under Virginia resolution warrants."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Edward Hallowell;" a bill, entitled "An act for granting and securing to Anthony Shane the right of the United States to a tract of land in the state of Ohio;" also, a bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the District of Columbia;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The three bills last mentioned were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The bill to authorize the settlement and payment of certain claims for the services of the militia, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to authorize the settlement and payment of certain claims for the services of the militia."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs be instructed to inquire into the expediency of repealing any act or acts respecting the flotilla establishment; and that the committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Barbour submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to cause an experienced engineer and naval officer to explore the Chesapeake bay, for the purpose of ascertaining the most convenient harbor in the said bay, for the reception of ships of war of the largest class; and that they particularly ascertain, whether it be practicable to establish a convenient harbor at the mouth of the Chesapeake, on the middle ground, and the probable amount which may be necessary to place such harbor in the most respectable posture of defence.

Mr. Hunter, from the committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill authorizing the discharge of Edward Martin from imprisonment; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the resolutions expressive of the thanks of Congress to Major General Jackson, and the troops under his command, for their gallantry and good conduct in the defence of New Orleans.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act regulating the sale of certain reserved sections of land in the state of Ohio."

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was lost.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to consider the expediency of repealing all acts, or parts of acts, laying additional duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported in the ships or vessels of such foreign nations as shall agree to admit, into their ports, goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into such ports, on board of the ships or vessels of the United States.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Smith, Taylor, Bibb, Hunter, and King, be the committee.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob Shinnick, and Shoultz and Vogeler, of Christian Chapman, and the legal representative of John Calef, deceased."

On motion, by Mr. Mason,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Tuesday next.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That the committee to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Law and others, citizens of the city of Washington, praying the division and sales of certain open squares in the said city, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Taylor gave notice, that, on Monday next, he should ask leave to bring in a bill further supplementary to the act for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory.

On motion, by Mr. King,

*Ordered*, That Gould Hoyt have leave to withdraw his petition, together with the report of the Secretary for the Department of Treasury thereon, made the 17th instant.

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the petition of William Malcom and others, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made the 17th instant, by Mr. Smith, instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to consider the propriety of reducing the military establishment of the United States; and agreed thereto.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same,'" and the act, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, and on gold and silver watches," together with the additional amendment reported thereto by the select committee; and, having agreed to the amendment the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill, entitled "An act requiring the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives in the Congress of the United States, to give security for the faithful application and disbursement of the contingent funds of the Senate and House of Representatives," was resumed, as in committee of the whole; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The bill increasing the compensation allowed the sergeant-at-arms of the Senate was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

*Ordered*, That the militia committee, to whom was referred the memorial of the representatives of the religious Society of Friends, in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware, respecting the rights of conscience, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

After the consideration of Executive business, the Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1815.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the library committee, made a report; which was read.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the same committee, reported a bill to provide a library room, and for transporting the library lately purchased from Thomas Jefferson, Esquire, to the city of Washington; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Giles, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the amendment of the House of Representatives to the resolutions expressive of the thanks of Congress to Major General Jackson, and the troops under his command, for their gallantry and good conduct in the defence of New Orleans, reported an agreement therein, in part.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That the Senate do concur in so much of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the said resolutions, as proposes to strike out the word "immediate," in the third line of the first resolution; and that they disagree to the residue of the said amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Giles, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to repeal certain acts therein mentioned; and the bill was read.



*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act giving further time to complete the surveys, and obtain the patents, for lands located under Virginia resolution warrants;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Isaac Smith and Bratton Caldwell," the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Saltus, Son, and Company, merchants, of the city of New York;" the resolutions expressive of the high sense entertained by Congress of the patriotism and good conduct of the people of Louisiana and of New Orleans, during the late military operations before that city; also, the resolutions expressive of the high sense entertained by Congress of the gallantry and good conduct of Commodore D. T. Patterson, and Major D. Carmick, and of the officers, seamen, and marines, under their command, in the defence of New Orleans.

Mr. Horsey, from the joint committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the better temporary accommodation of the two Houses of Congress; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Tait, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill to repeal certain acts concerning the flotilla service; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Smith, from the committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to repeal so much of the several acts imposing duties on the tonnage of ships, and vessels, and on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, as imposes a discriminating duty on tonnage between foreign vessels and vessels of the United States, and between goods imported into the United States in foreign vessels and vessels of the United States; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Agreeably to notice, Mr Taylor asked and obtained leave to bring in a bill further supplementary to an act, entitled "An act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of lands in the Mississippi territory;" and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Taylor presented the petition of James Lamb, of the city of Charleston, in the state of South Carolina, owner of the American brig Langdon Cheves, stating that the said vessel, with her cargo, were libelled and condemned, by a decree of the district court of the United States, for the district of Rhode Island; and praying restitution thereof, for reasons stated at large in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Taylor, Dana, and Bibb, be the committee.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made the 18th, by Mr. Barbour, relative to establishing a naval harbor in the Chesapeake bay.

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Barbour, Smith, and King, be the committee.

The bill increasing the compensation allowed the sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act increasing the compensation allowed the sergeant-at-arms of the Senate."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:*

I lay before Congress copies of the treaty of peace and amity between the United States and his Britannic Majesty, which was signed by the Commissioners of both parties at Ghent, on the 24th of December, 1814, and the ratifications of which have been duly exchanged.

While performing this act, I congratulate you, and our constituents, upon an event which is highly honorable to the nation, and terminates, with peculiar felicity, a campaign signalized by the most brilliant successes.

The late war, although reluctantly declared by Congress, had become a necessary resort to assert the rights and independence of the nation. It has been waged with a success which is the natural result of the wisdom of the legislative councils, of the patriotism of the people, of the public spirit of the militia, and of the valor of the military and naval forces of the country. Peace, at all times a blessing, is peculiarly welcome,

therefore, at a period when the causes for the war have ceased to operate; when the government has demonstrated the efficiency of its powers of defence; and when the nation can review its conduct without regret and without reproach.

I recommend to your care and beneficence the gallant men whose achievements, in every department of the military service, on the land and on the water, have so essentially contributed to the honor of the American name, and to the restoration of peace. The feelings of conscious patriotism and worth will animate such men under every change of fortune and pursuit; but their country performs a duty to itself, when it bestows those testimonials of approbation and applause which are at once the reward and the incentive to great actions.

The reduction of the public expenditures to the demands of a peace establishment will doubtless engage the immediate attention of Congress. There are, however, important considerations which forbid a sudden and general revocation of the measures that have been produced by the war. Experience has taught us that neither the pacific dispositions of the American people, nor the pacific character of their political institutions, can altogether exempt them from that strife which appears, beyond the ordinary lot of nations, to be incident to the actual period of the world; and the same faithful monitor demonstrates that a certain degree of preparation for war is not only indispensable to avert disasters in the onset, but affords also the best security for the continuance of peace. The wisdom of Congress will, therefore, I am confident, provide for the maintenance of an adequate regular force; for the gradual advancement of the naval establishment; for improving all the means of harbor defence; for adding discipline to the distinguished bravery of the militia; and for cultivating the military art, in its essential branches, under the liberal patronage of government.

The resources of our country were, at all times, competent to the attainment of every national object; but they will now be enriched and invigorated by the activity which peace will introduce into all the scenes of domestic enterprise and labor. The provision that has been made for the public creditors, during the present session of Congress, must have a decisive effect in the establishment of the public credit, both at home and abroad. The reviving interests of commerce will claim the legislative attention at the earliest opportunity; and such regulations will, I trust, be seasonably devised as shall secure to the United States their just proportion of the navigation of the world. The most liberal policy towards other nations, if met by corresponding dispositions, will, in this respect, be found the most beneficial policy towards ourselves. But there is no subject that can enter with greater force and merit into the deliberations of Congress, than a consideration of the means to preserve and promote the manufactures which have sprung into existence, and attained an unparalleled maturity throughout the United States during the period of the European wars. This source of national independence and wealth, I anxiously recommend, therefore, to the prompt and constant guardianship of Congress.

The termination of the legislative sessions will soon separate you, fellow-citizens, from each other, and restore you to your constituents. I pray you to bear with you the expressions of my sanguine hope, that the peace which has been just declared, will not only be the foundation of the most friendly intercourse between the United States and Great Britain, but that it will also be productive of happiness and harmony in every section of our beloved country. The influence of your precepts and example must be every where powerful: and while we accord in grateful acknowledgments for the protection which Providence has bestowed upon us, let us never cease to inculcate obedience to the laws, and fidelity to the Union, as constituting the palladium of the national independence and prosperity.

JAMES MADISON.

*Washington, February 18, 1815.*

The message was read.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Ordered,* That five hundred copies thereof, together with five hundred copies of the treaty therein referred to, be printed for the use of the Senate.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Resolved,* That so much of the message of the President of the United States, of this date, as relates to the military establishment, be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise; and that so much of the message as relates to the naval establishment be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

*Resolved,* That so much of the message of the President of the United States, of



this date, as relates to the militia of the United States, be referred to the Militia Committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to consider what privileges should be secured by law to citizens of the United States, as preferable to foreign subjects in navigation; and that the committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Dana, Smith, Gore, Hunter, and King, be the committee.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same,'" and the act, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, and on gold and silver watches," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill, entitled "An act requiring the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, in the Congress of the United States, to give security for the faithful application and disbursement of the contingent funds of the Senate and House of Representatives," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill to continue in force for a limited time the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Edward Hallowell," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr Roberts,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Roberts, Horsey, and Lacock, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act granting and securing to Anthony Shane the right of the United States to a tract of land in the state of Ohio," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred, on the 21st of September, the memorial of the legislature of the Indiana territory, to consider and report thereon.

The bill authorizing the discharge of Edward Martin from imprisonment was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the District of Columbia," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen," to consider and report thereon.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to authorize a detachment from the militia of the United States.

On motion, by Mr. Turner,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the fourth day of March next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for quieting and adjusting claims to land in the Mississippi territory; and, after debate,

On motion, by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of Treasury notes, for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed and the bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the regulation of the courts of justice of Indiana," reported it with amendments.

On motion, by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That Isaac Smith and Bratton Caldwell have leave to withdraw their papers.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1815.**

The President communicated the report of the Secretary for the Department of War, made conformably to the 5th section of the act, of the 3d March, 1809, entitled "An act to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments;" and the report was read.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for granting and securing to Anthony Shane the right of the United States to a tract of land in the state of Ohio," reported it without amendment.

The bill to provide a library room, and for transporting the library lately purchased from Thomas Jefferson, Esq. to the city of Washington, was read the second time.

The bill to repeal certain acts therein mentioned was read the second time.

The bill to repeal certain acts concerning the flotilla service was read the second time.

The bill for the better temporary accommodation of the two Houses of Congress was read the second time.

The bill to repeal so much of the several acts imposing duties on the tonnage of ships and vessels, and on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, as imposed a discriminating duty on tonnage between foreign vessels and vessels of the United States, and between goods imported into the United States in foreign vessels and vessels of the United States," was read the second time.

The bill further supplementary to an act, entitled "An act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory," was read the second time.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the bill for quieting and adjusting claims to land in the Mississippi territory, as in committee of the whole.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the second Monday in March next.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed three enrolled bills, and two enrolled resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives have postponed indefinitely the bill, entitled "An act authorizing payment to the widow of Elbridge Gerry, deceased, late Vice President of the United States, of such salary as would have been payable to him during the residue of the term for which he was elected, had he so long lived." They insist on their amendment to the resolutions expressive of the thanks of Congress to Major General Jackson, and the troops under his command, for their gallantry and good conduct in the defence of New Orleans, disagreed to by the Senate. They have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Nimmo;" and they have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joshua Sands;" a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the better organization of the courts of the United States within the state of New York;' also, a bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The three bills last mentioned were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The President signed the three enrolled bills and two enrolled resolutions last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States, of the 20th instant, as relates to the preservation and promotion of manufactures, be referred to a select committee, and that the said committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Roberts, Barbour, Taylor, Varnum, and Chace, be the committee.



Mr. Gore, from the committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Arthur Tappan and John Frothingham; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of Treasury notes for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

Mr. Giles, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to raise certain companies of rangers for the defence of the frontiers of the United States," reported it with amendments.

Mr. Giles, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported a bill making further provision for completing the public buildings at West Point, for the accommodation of the military academy; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Giles, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to receive into the service of the United States certain corps which may be raised and organized by any state, to serve in lieu of the militia thereof," reported it without amendment.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the second Monday in March next.

Mr. Kerr, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Nicholas Boilevin, made report.

Whereupon,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the second Monday in March next.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making provision for subsisting the army of the United States, by authorizing the appointment of commissaries of subsistence," be postponed until Monday next.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Resolved*, That the Senate adhere to their disagreement to the amendment of the House of Representatives to the resolutions expressive of the thanks of Congress to Major General Jackson, and the troops under his command, for their gallantry and good conduct in the defence of New Orleans.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob Shinnick, and Shoultz and Vogeler, of Christian Chapman, and the legal representative of John Calef, deceased."

On motion, by Mr. King,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Friday next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act giving the right of pre-emption, in the purchase of lands to certain settlers in the Indiana territory," together with the amendment reported thereto by the select committee; and, having agreed to the amendment, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act making provision for clothing the militia called into the service of the United States," together with the amendment reported thereto by the select committee.

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the second Monday in March next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Uriah Coolidge and James Burnham," and, no amendment having been proposed,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill,

entitled "An act in addition to an act regulating the Post Office Establishment;" and, no amendment having been proposed,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the regulation of the courts of justice of Indiana," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and, having agreed to the amendments, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to continue in force for a limited time the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes."

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill authorizing the discharge of Edward Martin from imprisonment.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the better temporary accommodation of the two Houses of Congress.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative,     { Yeas . . . . . 19,  
  { Nays . . . . . 7.

On motion, by Mr. Turner,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Barbour, Bibb, Chace, Condit, Fromentin, Gaillard, Giles, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, Kerr, Morrow, Roberts, Smith, Tait, Thompson, Varnum, and Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. German, King, Lacock, Talbot, Taylor, Turner, and Wells.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Foreign Relations be instructed to inquire whether any of the laws respecting foreign intercourse ought to be repealed or modified; and that they have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to repeal certain acts therein mentioned; and, no amendment having been proposed thereto,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1815.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joshua Sands," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. King, German, and Roberts, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the better organization of the courts of the United States within the state of New York,'" was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. German,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. German, Daggett, and King, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Barbour, Thompson, and Talbot, be the committee.

Mr. Morrow presented several petitions, signed by a number of citizens of Butler county, in the state of Ohio, praying the establishment of a post road, between Lebanon and Hamilton, in said state, for reasons therein stated; and the petitions were read.



On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That they be severally referred to the committee last mentioned to consider and report thereon.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Ordered*, That the petition of the citizens of the districts of Chesterfield, Kershaw, and Lancaster, of the state of South Carolina, and of the county of Anson, in the state of North Carolina, presented the 3d of October last, be referred to the same committee, to consider and report.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the District of Columbia," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a duty on lotteries," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a duty on gold, silver, and plated ware, and jewelry and pastework, manufactured within the United States," reported it with an amendment.

The bill for the relief of Arthur Tappan and John Frothingham, was read the second time.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the three enrolled bills, and two enrolled resolutions, last reported to have been examined, and that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Henry Nimmo;" also, the bill, entitled "An act requiring the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, in the Congress of the United States, to give security for the faithful application and disbursement of the contingent funds of the Senate and House of Representatives."

The bill, entitled "An act in addition to an act regulating the post-office establishment," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill to repeal certain acts therein mentioned having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to repeal certain acts therein mentioned."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill for the better temporary accommodation of the two Houses of Congress having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the better temporary accommodation of the two houses of Congress."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill to continue in force for a limited time the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On motion, by Mr. King,

*Resolved*, That it be recommitted to a select committee, further to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. King, Morrow, and Tait, be the committee.

The bill authorizing the discharge of Edward Martin from imprisonment having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act authorizing the discharge of Edward Martin from imprisonment."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill making further provision for completing the public buildings at West Point, for the accommodation of the military academy, was read the second time.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Uriah Coolidge and James Burnham," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Barbour, from the committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill to provide for exploring the Chesapeake bay and its waters, for the purposes therein mentioned; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act giving the right of pre-emption in the purchase of lands to certain settlers in the Indiana territory," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the regulation of the courts of justice of Indiana," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill, entitled "An act for granting and securing to Anthony Shane the right of the United States to a tract of land in the state of Ohio," was resumed, as in committee of the whole, and, no amendment having been proposed,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President to raise certain companies of rangers for the defence of the frontiers of the United States, and to repeal certain acts now in force for this purpose," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and the amendments having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed; as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to provide a library room, and for transporting the library lately purchased from Thomas Jefferson, Esquire, to the city of Washington.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

The bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to repeal certain acts concerning the flotilla service; and,

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

The bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to repeal so much of the several acts imposing duties on the tonnage of ships and vessels, and on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, as imposes a discriminating duty on tonnage between foreign vessels and vessels of the United States, and between goods imported into the United States in foreign vessels and vessels of the United States; and, no amendment having been proposed thereto,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill further supplementary to an act, entitled "An act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory;" and, no amendment having been proposed thereto,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to consider and report upon the expediency of making provision by law for running the boundary lines designated in the treaty lately made between the United States and the chiefs, deputies, and warriors, of the Creek nation; and that the committee have leave to report by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Anderson, Bibb, and Morrow, be the committee.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed sever-



ral enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of treasury notes for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen."

They ask a conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment to the resolutions expressive of the thanks of Congress to Major General Jackson, and the troops under his command, for their gallantry and good conduct in defence of New Orleans; and have appointed managers on their part.

They concur in the first amendment of the Senate to the bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same," and the act, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, and on gold and silver watches," with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They concur in the second, third, and fourth, and disagree to the fifth amendments to said bill. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Resolved*, That the Senate agree to the amendment of the House of Representatives to their first amendment to the bill last mentioned, and that they insist on their fifth amendment to said bill, disagreed to by the House of Representatives.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Resolved*, That the Senate agree to the conference proposed on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, on the amendment to the resolutions expressive of the thanks of Congress to Major General Jackson, and the troops under his command, for their gallantry and good conduct in defence of New Orleans.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Giles, Brown, and Smith, be the managers on the part of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. King, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joshua Sands," reported it without amendment.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to amend and extend the provisions of the act of the sixteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, entitled "An act confirming certain claims to land in the Illinois territory, and providing for their location," reported it with amendments.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Edward Hallowell," reported it without amendment.

The President communicated the general account of the Treasurer of the United States, from October 1, 1813, to October 1, 1814; as, also, the accounts of the War and Navy Departments for the same period, together with the reports of the accounting officers of the Treasury thereon; which were read.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1815.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

*Mr. President*: The President of the United States, on the 22d instant, approved and signed "An act giving further time to complete the surveys and obtain the patents for lands located under Virginia resolution warrants;" "Resolutions expressive of the high sense entertained by Congress of the patriotism and good conduct of the people of Louisiana and of New Orleans, during the late military operations before that city;" also, "Resolutions expressive of the high sense entertained by Congress of the gallantry and good conduct of Commodore D. T. Patterson, and Major D. Carmick, and of the officers, seamen, and marines, under their command, in defence of New Orleans;" and, this day, "An act for the relief of Henry Nimmo."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Goldsborough, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act concerning the college of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia," reported it without amendment.

The President communicated a letter from the Secretary for the Department of the Treasury, together with a statement of the emoluments of the officers employed in the collection of the customs for the year 1814; which were read.

The bill, entitled "An act for granting and securing to Anthony Shane the right of the United States to a tract of land in the state of Ohio," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Robinson presented the petition of Justin and Elias Lyman, merchants, of the city of New York, praying the remission of the forfeitures and penalties incurred by the violation of the non-importation laws, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Robinson,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to amend and extend the provisions of the act of the sixteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, entitled "An act confirming certain claims to land in the Illinois territory, and providing for their location," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and the amendments having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Dana, from the committee appointed to consider the subject, reported a bill to establish a system of navigation for the United States; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. King, from the committee to whom was recommitted the bill to continue in force for a limited time the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," reported it without amendment.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joshua Sands;" and, no amendment having been proposed thereto,

*Ordered*, That it pass to the third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill for the relief of Arthur Tappan and John Frothingham.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Monday next.

The bill to repeal so much of the several acts imposing duties on the tonnage of ships and vessels, and on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, as imposes a discriminating duty on tonnage between foreign vessels and vessels of the United States, and between goods imported into the United States in foreign vessels and vessels of the United States, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the affirmative—Yeas 24.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Barbour, Barry, Bibb, Brown, Chace, Condit, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Gore, Horsey, Kerr, King, Lacock, Lambert, Morrow, Roberts, Smith, Talbot, Tait, Varnum, Wells, and Wharton.

So it was

*Resolved, unanimously*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to repeal so much of the several acts imposing duties on the tonnage of ships and vessels, and on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, as imposes a discriminating duty on tonnage between foreign vessels and vessels of the United States, and between goods imported into the United States in foreign vessels and vessels of the United States."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to raise certain companies of rangers for the defence of the frontiers of the United States," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

On motion,



I lay before Congress copies of two ratified treaties which were entered into on the part of the United States, one on the 22d day of July, 1814, with the several tribes of Indians called the Wyandots, Delawares, Shawanees, Senakas, and Miamies; the other on the 9th day of August, 1814, with the Creek nation of Indians.

It is referred to the consideration of Congress how far legislative provisions may be necessary for carrying any part of these stipulations into effect.

JAMES MADISON.

*Washington, February 22, 1815.*

The message and treaties therein referred to were read.

On motion, by Mr. Anderson,

*Ordered,* That the message, together with the treaties, be referred to the committee appointed on the subject of providing for running the boundary lines, the 22d instant, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a duty on lotteries."

On motion, by Mr. German,

That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the second Monday in March next,

It was determined in the affirmative,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas . . . . . 16,} \\ \text{Nays . . . . . 11.} \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Daggett, Dana, Fromentin, Gaillard, German, Goldsborough, Gore, Horsey, Hunter, Kerr, King, Lambert, Smith, Thompson, Varnum, and Wells.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Barbour, Barry, Bibb, Brown, Condit, Morrow, Roberts, Talbot, Taylor, Turner, and Wharton.

*Ordered,* That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President:* The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act giving the right of pre-emption in the purchase of lands to certain settlers in the Indiana territory." They also concur in the amendments to the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the regulation of the courts of justice of Indiana."

They have postponed, indefinitely, the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act concerning field officers of the militia;" also, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built, equipped, and employed, one or more floating batteries for the defence of the waters of the United States."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Solomon Fraser, and the representatives of Charles Eccleston;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Sprigg;" a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the sale of the public lands which may hereafter be forfeited within the Jeffersonville land district, at the land office of said district;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William P. Bennett, of the state of New York;" a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of Anthony B. Ross from imprisonment;" also, a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Savage and others;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The six bills last mentioned were read.

*Ordered,* That they severally pass to the second reading.

On request,

Mr. Mason had leave of absence from the 24th instant, for the remainder of the session.

After the consideration of Executive and confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning; to which time the several orders of the day were postponed.

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The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Solomon Fraser, and the representatives of Charles Eccleston," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Resolved,* That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered,* That Messrs. Smith, Varnum, and Anderson, be the committee.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for granting and securing to Anthony Shane the right of the United States to a tract of land in the state of Ohio;" the bill, entitled "An act for the regulation of the courts of justice of Indiana;" the bill, entitled "An act for the



relief of Uriah Coolidge and James Burnham;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Perine;" also, the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the issuing of Treasury notes for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen."

Mr. Barbour, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads," reported it with amendments.

The President communicated a report from the Secretary for the Department of War, shewing the expenditures on account of the national armories, and of the number and kind of arms manufactured and repaired at the same, in the year 1814; which was read.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Savage and others," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred, on the 23d September, the memorial of the President and Directors of the Eastern Branch Bridge Company, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Sprigg," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee last mentioned, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of Anthony B. Ross from imprisonment," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Daggett, Dana, and Thompson, be the committee.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William P. Bennett, of the state of New York," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee last mentioned, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the sale of the public lands which may hereafter be forfeited within the Jeffersonville land district, at the land office of said district," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred, the 21st September, the memorial of the legislature of the Indiana territory, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Anderson, from the committee appointed to consider the subject, reported a bill to provide for the ascertaining and surveying of the boundary lines fixed by the treaty with the Creek Indians, and for other purposes; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Bibb, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill to repeal certain acts therein mentioned; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The President of the United States, on the 22d instant, approved and signed "An act for the relief of Saltus, Son, and Company, merchants of the city of New York;" "An act for the relief of Isaac Smith and Bratton Caldwell;" and, on the 23d instant, "An act requiring the Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives, in the Congress of the United States, to give security for the faithful application and disbursement of the contingent funds of the Senate and House of Representatives."

The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts therein mentioned."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for the final adjustment of land titles in the state of Louisiana, and territory of Missouri,' approved April 12, 1814;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The President signed the five enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the five enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the petition of Justin and Elias Lyman, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a duty on gold, silver, and plated ware, and jewelry and pastework, manufactured within the United States," was read a third time.

On motion, by Mr. Fromentin,

That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the second Monday in March next,

It was determined in the negative,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots\dots\dots 8, \\ \text{Nays} \dots\dots\dots 18. \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Roberts,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Fromentin, Goldsborough, Gore, King, Lambert, Smith, Tait, and Wells.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Barbour, Barry, Bibb, Brown, Chace, Condit, Gaillard, German, Giles, Lacock, Morrow, Roberts, Taylor, Thompson, Turner, Varnum, and Wharton.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act to amend and extend the provisions of the act of the 16th of April, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, entitled "An act confirming certain claims to land in the Illinois territory, and providing for their location," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended, and further amended by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joshua Sands," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Edward Hallowell," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the District of Columbia."

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the second Monday in March next,

It was determined in the negative,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots\dots\dots 6, \\ \text{Nays} \dots\dots\dots 20. \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Wharton,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Chace, Gaillard, Morrow, Roberts, Tait, and Taylor.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Anderson, Barbour, Barry, Bibb, Fromentin, German, Giles, Goldsborough, Gore, Hunter, Kerr, King, Lacock, Lambert, Smith, Thompson, Turner, Varnum, Wells, and Wharton.

And no amendment having been proposed thereto,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob Shinnick, and Shoultz and Vogeler, of Christian Chapman, and the legal representative of John Calef, deceased;" and Mr. Varnum was requested to take the chair.



*Ordered,* That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob Shinnick, and Shoultz and Vogeler, of Christian Chapman, and the legal representative of John Calef, deceased," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William H. Washington," reported it without amendment; and the bill was considered as in committee of the whole; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the District of Columbia," was read the third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill making further provision for completing the public buildings at West Point, for the accommodation of the military academy, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act making further provision for completing the public buildings at West Point, for the accommodation of the military academy."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives agree to the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses respecting the resolution expressive of the thanks of Congress to Major General Jackson, and the troops under his command, for their gallantry and good conduct in the defence of New Orleans; and that the resolution be modified accordingly.

They concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to amend and extend the provisions of the act of the sixteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, entitled 'An act confirming certain claims to land in the Illinois territory, and providing for their location.'"

They have passed the bill, entitled "An act concerning the flotilla service, and for other purposes," with an amendment, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have passed a resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to wait upon the President, and request that he recommend a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God, for restoring to these United States the blessings of peace.

They have also passed a bill, entitled "An act to fix the compensations and increase the responsibility of the collectors of the direct tax and internal duties, and for other purposes, connected with the collection thereof;" in which resolution and bill they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They insist on their disagreement to the fifth amendment insisted on by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same,'" and the act, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, and on gold and silver watches."

They ask a conference thereon, and have appointed managers on their part. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Resolved*, That the Senate agree to the conference proposed on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment to the bill last mentioned.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Taylor, King, and Giles, be the managers on the part of the Senate.

The bill last brought up for concurrence was twice read by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consist of five members, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Taylor, Daggett, Brown, Chace, and Roberts, be the committee.

The resolution last brought up for concurrence was three times read by unanimous consent.



*Resolved*, That the Senate concur therein; and,

*Ordered*, That Messrs Smith and Tait be the committee on their part.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendment of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the flotilla service, and for other purposes."

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That they concur therein.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Giles, from the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses respecting the resolution expressive of the thanks of Congress to Major General Jackson, and the troops under his command, for their gallantry and good conduct in the defence of New Orleans, reported,

That they have agreed to recommend to the adoption of the two Houses of Congress a modification of the original resolution and proposed amendment, to read as follows:

*Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the thanks of Congress be, and they are hereby, given to Major General Jackson, and through him to the officers and soldiers of the regular army, of the militia, and of the volunteers, under his command, the greater proportion of which troops consisted of militia and volunteers suddenly collected together, for their uniform gallantry and good conduct, conspicuously displayed against the enemy, from the time of his landing before New Orleans until his final expulsion therefrom; and particularly for their valor, skill, and good conduct, on the 8th of January last, in repulsing, with great slaughter, a numerous British army of chosen veteran troops, when attempting, by a bold and daring attack, to carry by storm the works hastily thrown up for the protection of New Orleans; and thereby obtaining a most signal victory over the enemy, with a disparity of loss, on his part, unexampled in military annals.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report of the committee of conference;

Whereupon,

*Resolved, unanimously*, That they concur therein, and that the resolution be modified accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee; and the amendments having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendments to the bill last mentioned having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended, by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to provide for exploring the Chesapeake Bay, and its waters, for the purposes therein mentioned; and the bill having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Daggett, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of Anthony B. Ross from imprisonment," reported it without amendment; and the bill was considered as in committee of the whole; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of James Hynum," was resumed as in committee of the whole; and, no amendment having been proposed thereto,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act concerning the college of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia;" and, no amendment having been proposed thereto,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

*To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:*

Peace having happily taken place between the United States and Great Britain, it is desirable to guard against incidents, which, during periods of war in Europe, might

tend to interrupt it; and, it is believed, in particular, that the navigation of American vessels exclusively by American seamen, either natives or such as are already naturalized, would not only conduce to the attainment of that object, but, also, to increase the number of our seamen, and, consequently, to render our commerce and navigation independent of the service of foreigners, who might be recalled by their governments, under circumstances the most inconvenient to the United States. I recommend the subject, therefore, to the consideration of Congress, and, in deciding upon it, I am persuaded, that they will sufficiently estimate the policy of manifesting to the world a desire, on all occasions, to cultivate harmony with other nations, by any reasonable accommodations, which do not impair the enjoyment of any of the essential rights of a free and independent people. The example on the part of the American government, will merit, and may be expected to receive, a reciprocal attention from all the friendly powers of Europe.

JAMES MADISON.

*Washington, February 25, 1815.*

The message was read.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Daggett, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William P. Bennett, of the state of New York," reported it without amendment; and the bill was considered as in committee of the whole.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to Monday next.

Mr. King presented the memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Common Council, of the city of New York, praying the reimbursement of certain sums advanced and expended in the defence of the third military district, as stated in the memorial; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. King,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. King, Tait, and Varnum, be the committee.

Mr. Daggett, from the joint committee appointed to consider the subject, reported the following resolution; which was read and passed to the second reading:

*Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Senate, and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, be directed, immediately after the adjournment of the present and each succeeding Congress, to advertise three weeks successively, in two newspapers printed in the District of Columbia, for proposals for supplying the Senate and House of Representatives, during the succeeding Congress, with the necessary stationery and printing; which advertisement shall describe the kind of stationery and printing required; and that the proposals to be made be accompanied with sufficient security for their performance. And it shall be the duty of the Secretary and Clerk aforesaid, in the month of April thereafter, to notify the lowest bidder, or bidders, (whose securities are deemed sufficient,) of the acceptance of his or their proposals: *Provided*, That this resolution shall not be so construed as to prevent the Secretary and Clerk, aforesaid, from contracting for separate parts of the supplies of stationery and printing required to be furnished.

On motion, by Mr. Daggett,

*Ordered*, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject-matter thereof, referred to them.

On motion,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock on Monday morning.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1815.

Mr. Tait, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported a bill concerning the naval establishment; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Bibb, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, who were instructed to inquire into the expediency of making provision by law to release all or any claims of the United States to penalties or forfeitures, under acts which have imposed prohibitions or temporary restrictions on commercial intercourse, and to discontinue prosecutions therefor, upon payment of costs legally incurred, reported the following resolution; which was read:

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient to make such provision.



Mr. Smith presented the petition of Robert and John Oliver and others, owners of property in the neighborhood of Baltimore, which, in the late attack of the enemy on that city, was destroyed or injured, for the purposes of erecting fortifications; and praying payment therefor, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the President and Directors of the Washington Bridge Company, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joshua Sands;" the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a duty on gold, silver, and plated ware, and jewelry and pastework, manufactured within the United States;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob Shinnick, and Shoultz and Vogeler, of Christian Chapman, and the legal representative of John Calef deceased;" the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act regulating the Post Office Establishment;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Edward Hallowell;" the bill, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the District of Columbia;" the bill, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts therein mentioned;" the bill, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts concerning the flotilla service, and for other purposes;" and the resolutions expressive of the thanks of Congress to Major General Jackson, and the troops under his command, for their gallantry and good conduct in the defence of New Orleans.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Doyle," made report thereupon; which was read.

Mr. Roberts also reported the bill without amendment.

The bill to establish a system of navigation for the United States was read the second time; and,

Mr. Dana proposed a new section to be added thereto; which was read.

Mr. Fromentin, from the committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of Peter Landais;" and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

The bill to provide for the ascertaining and surveying of the boundary lines fixed by the treaty with the Creek Indians, and for other purposes, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to provide for the ascertaining and surveying of the boundary lines fixed by the treaty with the Creek Indians, and for other purposes."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill to provide for exploring the Chesapeake Bay, and its waters, for the purposes therein mentioned, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to provide for exploring the Chesapeake Bay, and its waters, for the purposes therein mentioned."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The resolution directing the manner of providing stationery, and procuring the printing for the Senate and House of Representatives, was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and, no amendment having been proposed thereto,

On the question, Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

On request,

Mr. Condit had leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The President communicated a report of the Postmaster General, relative to the salaries of the clerks of that department; which was read.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, and enrolled resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate, for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have concurred in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads." And he withdrew.

The President signed the eight enrolled bills and enrolled resolutions last reported

to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. German, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the better organization of the courts of the United States within the state of New York,'" reported it with amendments, which were read, and considered as in committee of the whole; and the amendments having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Savage and others," reported it without amendment, and the bill was considered as in committee of the whole; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Solomon Frazer, and the representatives of Charles Eccleston," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William H. Washington," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of James Hynum," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act concerning the college of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of Anthony B. Ross from imprisonment," was read a third time.

On the question, Shall this bill pass?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was rejected.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Gore presented the petition of Walter and Miller, and others, owners of certain vessels sailing under foreign flags, and praying relief, as stated in the petition; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Gore,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations, to consider and report thereon by bill or otherwise.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the Anacosta Bridge Company," reported it without amendment; and the bill was considered as in committee of the whole; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to repeal certain acts therein mentioned; and no amendment having been proposed thereto,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill last mentioned having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act to repeal certain acts therein mentioned."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William P. Bennet, of the state of New York;" and, no amendment having been proposed thereto,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

Mr. Brown submitted the following resolution; which was read, and passed to a second reading:

*Resolved*, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State cause to be distributed among the



members of the present Congress, copies of the laws of the United States ordered by law to be printed, as soon as the same shall be printed.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1815.

Mr. Giles, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made a report on the subject of the differences of opinion existing between the Executive authority of the United States, and the authorities of some of the individual states, respecting the relative powers of the general and state governments over the militia; and the report was read.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Ordered*, That it be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Bibb, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the message of the President recommending certain regulations respecting American seamen, made a report, which was read, together with the following resolution; which was read and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the further consideration of the message be postponed until the next session of Congress.

Mr. Bibb, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, reported a bill further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom the subject was referred, reported a bill for the relief of sundry persons in the service of the United States, in consequence of the destruction of their tools by fire at the navy yard; and the bill was read.

*Ordered*, That it pass to the second reading.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had, on the 27th instant, laid before the President of the United States the nine enrolled bills, and the enrolled resolutions, last reported to have been examined.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

*Mr. President*: The President of the United States, on the 27th instant, approved and signed "An act to repeal certain acts concerning the flotilla service, and for other purposes;" "An act to repeal certain acts therein mentioned;" also, the resolutions expressive of the thanks of Congress to Major General Jackson, and the troops under his command, for their gallantry and good conduct in the defence of New Orleans.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for the final adjustment of land titles in the state of Louisiana, and territory of Missouri,' approved April 12, 1814," reported it without amendment; and,

On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the second Monday in March next.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

*To the Senate of the United States*:

I transmit to the Senate a report from the Postmaster General, complying with their resolution of the 15th of December last.

JAMES MADISON.

Washington, February 28, 1815.

The message and report therein referred to were read.

On motion, by Mr. Horsey,

*Ordered*, That the message, together with certain abstracts of the report, be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Morrow, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the sale of public lands, which may hereafter be forfeited within the Jeffersonville land district, at the land office of said district," reported it without amendment; and,

On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the second Monday in March next.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The amendments to the bill, entitled "An act for the better organization of the

courts of the United States within the state of New York," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The resolution directing the manner of providing stationery, and procuring the printing for the Senate and House of Representatives, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion, by Mr. Taylor,

*Ordered*, That the committee to whom was referred the petition of James Lamb, of Charleston, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Tait, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported the following resolutions; which were read and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Navy be requested to report to the Senate, in the first week of the next session, a system for the gradual and permanent increase of the navy of the United States.

*Resolved*, That the said Secretary report, as aforesaid, the expenditures and contracts which have been made under the third section of the act of the 30th of March, 1812.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Navy report, as aforesaid, what measures have been taken to carry into execution the laws respecting navy hospitals.

*Resolved*, That the said Secretary report, as aforesaid, what measures have been taken for the execution of the 4th section of the act of the 3d of March, 1813, entitled "An act supplementary to the act for increasing the navy."

*Resolved*, That the Secretary lay before the Senate, at the commencement of the next session, a corrected register of the navy and marine corps.

Mr. Lacock submitted the following resolution, which was read and passed to the second reading:

*Resolved*, That Robert Tweedy, Benjamin G. Bowen, and Tobias Simpson, assistants to the Sergeant-at-Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate, be paid, out of the contingent fund, two dollars a day for each day they may have attended the Senate during the present session of Congress, and that Charles Tims be allowed seventy-five dollars for his attendance during the present session.

The resolution last mentioned was read the second time, by unanimous consent, and considered as in committee of the whole; and, no amendment having been proposed thereto,

On the question, Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill concerning the naval establishment was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and, no amendment having been proposed thereto,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill for the relief of Peter Landais was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the second Monday in March next.

The resolution directing the distribution among the members of the present Congress of copies of the laws of the United States, was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the resolution reported the 27th instant, by the Committee on Foreign Relations, and agreed thereto.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Savage and others," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the Anacosta Bridge Company," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.



The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William P. Bennet, of the state of New York," was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill to establish a system of navigation for the United States.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the second Monday in March next.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Doyle," together with the report of the select committee thereon; and,

On the question, Shall this bill be read a third time?

It was determined in the negative.

So the bill was lost.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Solomon Frazer, and the representatives of Charles Eccleston;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the heirs of James Hynum;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William H. Washington;" the bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads;" also, the bill, entitled "An act concerning the college of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia."

Mr. Dana submitted for consideration a resolution of the legislature of the state of Connecticut, requesting the Senators of the state, and the Representatives of the people thereof, in Congress of the United States, to use their endeavors that Congress propose to the legislatures of the several states, for their adoption, the following amendments of the constitution of the United States, viz:

*First*. Representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several states which may be included within this Union, according to their respective numbers of free persons, including those bound to serve for a term of years, and excluding Indians not taxed, and all other persons.

*Second*. No new state shall be admitted into the Union by Congress, in virtue of the power granted by the constitution, without the concurrence of two-thirds of both Houses.

*Third*. Congress shall not have power to lay any embargo on the ships or vessels of the citizens of the United States, in the ports or harbors thereof, for more than sixty days.

*Fourth*. Congress shall not have power, without the concurrence of two-thirds of both Houses, to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and any foreign nation, or the dependencies thereof.

*Fifth*. Congress shall not make or declare war, or authorize acts of hostility against any foreign nation, without the concurrence of two-thirds of both Houses, except such acts of hostilities be in defence of the territories of the United States when actually invaded.

*Sixth*. No person who shall hereafter be naturalized, shall be eligible as a member of the Senate or House of Representatives of the United States, nor capable of holding any civil office under the authority of the United States.

*Seventh*. The same person shall not be elected President of the United States a second time; nor shall the President be elected from the same state two terms in succession.

And the resolution and proposed amendments were read.

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1815.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. The President of the United States, on the 24th instant, approved and signed "An act to authorize the issuing of Treasury notes for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen;" "An act for the relief of Uriah Coolidge and James Burnham;" "An act for the relief of Daniel Perine;" "An act for the granting and securing to Anthony Shane the right of the United States to a tract of land in the state of Ohio;" also, "An act for the regulation of the courts of justice of Indiana."

The House of Representatives concur in the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the better organization of the courts of the United States within the state of New York.'" They have passed the rescission which originated in the Senate, directing the manner of providing stationery and providing the printing for the Senate and House of Representatives; the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes,'" also, the bill, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts therein mentioned." And he withdrew.

The President signed the five enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the petition of Walter and Miller, and others, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Sprigg," reported it without amendment; and the bill was considered as in committee of the whole; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The bill last mentioned was read a third time, by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Giles, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed, by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States," reported it with amendments; and

Mr. Talbot proposed for consideration sundry amendments to the bill; which were read.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration of the bill and amendments be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Taylor, from the managers appointed by the Senate to confer with the managers appointed by the House of Representatives on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the 5th amendment made by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same,'" and the act, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, and on gold and silver watches," reported,

That they have met the said managers, and, after conferring with them, have agreed to recommend to the Senate that, as the said amendment would have no effect for the present year, the Senate do recede from said amendment.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report of the committee of conference.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That they concur therein, and that they recede from their said fifth amendment to said bill accordingly.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Taylor, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to fix the compensations, and increase the responsibility, of the collectors of the direct tax and internal duties, and for other purposes connected with the collection thereof," reported it without amendment; and the bill was considered as in committee of the whole, and having been amended, the President reported it to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendment be engrossed and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

Mr. Roberts, from the committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert Kid, of the city of Philadelphia, made report, together with the following resolution, which was read and agreed to:

*Resolved*, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

On motion, by Mr. Morrow,

*Ordered*, That the committee to whom was referred the petition of Benjamin W. Ladd, Joseph Ladd, and Thomas Norvell, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

Mr. Lacock submitted the following resolution, which was read and passed to the second reading:



*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate pay, out of the contingent fund of the Senate, to Tobias Simpson, two hundred dollars, in consideration of his uniform good conduct, and particularly for his exertions to save the public property in the Capitol, both before and after the destruction thereof by the enemy.

The resolution last mentioned was read the second time, by unanimous consent, and considered as in committee of the whole; and no amendment having been proposed thereto,

On the question, Shall this resolution be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative; and,

The resolution having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time, by unanimous consent; and,

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

The bill further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and, no amendment having been made thereto,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The bill for the relief of sundry persons in the service of the United States, in consequence of the destruction of their tools by fire at the navy yard, was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and, no amendment having been made thereto,

On the question, Shall this bill be engrossed and read a third time?

It was determined in the affirmative.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act to vest more effectually in the state courts, and in the district courts of the United States, jurisdiction in the cases therein mentioned;" a bill, entitled "An act regulating and defining the duties of the United States' judges for the territory of Illinois;" also, a bill, entitled "An act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The three bills last mentioned were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act regulating and defining the duties of the United States' judges for the territory of Illinois," was read the second time by unanimous consent, and considered as in committee of the whole; and no amendment having been proposed thereto,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading.

The resolution relative to the distribution of the laws of the United States having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, as amended, was read a third time and passed, as follows:

*Resolved*, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State cause to be distributed among the members of the present Congress, copies of the laws of the United States, ordered by law to be printed, as soon as the same shall be completed.

*Resolved*, That so many of the remaining copies of the laws as are not already distributed, be deposited in the Congressional library.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

The bill concerning the naval establishment having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act concerning the naval establishment."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of James Savage and others;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of William P. Bennet, of the State of New York;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the Anacosta Bridge Company;" also, the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the better organization of the courts of the United States, within the state of New York,'"

The resolution fixing the compensation of the messengers of the Senate, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this resolution pass.

The credentials of the Honorable William Hunter, appointed a Senator by the Legislature of the state of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth day of this month, were read.

*Ordered*, That they lie on file.

Mr. King submitted the following motion for consideration:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be, and is hereby, requested to give instructions to the Secretary of War,

To prepare and lay before the Senate at the commencement of their next session, a report concerning the annuities and presents granted to, and trade carried on with, the several Indian tribes within the limits of the United States, during four years antecedent to the 4th of March, 1815, whether such trade has been under the control or management of the Superintendent of Indian Trade, of the Governors of the several territories, or of any other person acting in behalf of the United States; and, in order that such report may exhibit a full view of the whole Indian trade during the term aforesaid, that the President be further requested to direct the Superintendent of Indian trade, and every other public agent concerned therein, to furnish to the Secretary of War such accounts and statements as he may call for, to enable him to prepare and make the report aforesaid.

That the said report do contain an annual account of the Indian trade at each of the agencies or trading houses, or wheresoever else the same shall have been carried on, including therein the expenses of buildings, transportation, and all other incidental charges; as, also, a statement of losses, whether of goods or effects, intended for the Indians, or received from them.

Also, a like annual account of the whole of the Indian trade.

Also, a general account of the Indian trade, exhibiting the profit and loss thereof during the term aforesaid.

Also, an account of the annuities and presents due, paid, and delivered, to the respective Indian tribes, during the aforesaid term; specifying the dates when the same were due, and when they were paid and delivered.

That the Secretary do, furthermore, report to the Senate his opinion, whether any alteration of the powers and duties of the several officers and agents employed in the superintendence and management of Indian affairs would be advantageous; whether the consolidation of the whole care and management thereof, and the placing of the same in a single department, would be expedient; and whether a plan may not be devised that will be equally advantageous to the Indian tribes, and more economical to the public, whereby the Indian trade may, under safe-guards, be hereafter carried on by individuals, or by private companies, instead of the manner in which the same is now conducted.

After the consideration of Executive and confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

#### THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1815.

Mr. Varnum submitted for consideration a resolution of the Legislature of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, containing the same request, and embracing the same objects, of the resolution of the Legislature of the state of Connecticut, submitted on the 28th ultimo; and,

The resolution and proposed amendments were read.

Mr. Giles, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States," reported it with amendments.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Ordered*, That the committee to whom was referred the petition of Robert and John Oliver, and others, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The President of the United States, on the 27th ultimo, approved and signed "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a duty on gold, silver, and plated ware, and jewelry and pastework, manufactured within the United States;" "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the District of Columbia;"



"An act in addition to the act regulating the post office establishment;" "An act for the relief of Joshua Sands;" "An act for the relief of Jacob Shinnick, and Shoultz and Vogeler, of Christian Chapman, and the legal representative of John Calef, deceased;" "An act for the relief of Edward Hallowell;" also, "An act to amend and extend the provisions of the act of the 16th of April, 1814, entitled 'An act confirming certain claims to land in the Illinois territory, and providing for their location.'"

The House of Representatives have concurred in the resolutions relative to the distribution of the laws of the United States.

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen;" a bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners;" and a bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The three bills last mentioned were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Military Affairs to consider and report thereon.

The bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs, to consider and report thereon.

Mr. Tait, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the last mentioned bill, reported it without amendment, and the bill was considered as in committee of the whole; and

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading; and

The bill was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The President signed the four enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The bill, entitled "An act to vest more effectually in the state courts, and in the district courts of the United States, jurisdiction in the cases therein mentioned," was read the second time.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Resolved*, That it be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon.

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Bibb, Barbour, and Chace, be the committee.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had this day laid before the President of the United States the four enrolled bills last reported to have been examined; and that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act to repeal certain acts therein mentioned;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Thomas Sprigg;" the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force for a limited time the act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;'" the bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same;'" and the act, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, and on gold and silver watches;" and the resolution for the appointment of a joint committee to wait upon the President, and request that he recommend a day of thanksgiving to Almighty God for restoring to these United States the blessing of peace; also, the resolution directing the manner of providing stationery, and procuring the printing, for the Senate and House of Representatives.

The bill for the relief of sundry persons in the service of the United States, in consequence of the destruction of their tools by fire, at the navy yard, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act for the relief of sundry persons in the service of the United States, in consequence of the destruction of their tools by fire at the navy yard."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The bill further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, was read a third time and amended by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass, and that the title thereof be "An act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in this bill.

The amendment to the bill, entitled "An act to fix the compensations, and increase the responsibility, of the collectors of the direct tax and internal duties, and for other purposes connected with the collection thereof," having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That the committee to whom was referred so much of the President's message, of the 20th ultimo, as relates to the preservation and promotion of manufactures, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

*Ordered*, That the committee to whom was referred the memorial of the manufacturers of the city and county of Philadelphia, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills and enrolled resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of Edward Martin from imprisonment."

They have passed the bill, entitled "An act increasing the compensation allowed the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate," with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate.

They have also passed the bill, entitled "An act further supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory,'" with amendments, in which they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill last mentioned.

Whereupon,

*Resolved*, That they concur therein.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate proceeded to consider the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act increasing the compensation allowed the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate."

Whereupon,

On motion, by Mr. Turner,

*Resolved*, That they concur therein with amendments.

It was agreed to amend the title, to read "An act increasing the compensation allowed the Sergeants-at-Arms of the Senate and House of Representatives, and of the Doorkeeper and assistant Doorkeeper of the Senate and House of Representatives."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

The President signed the four enrolled bills, and two enrolled resolutions, last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

The bill, entitled "An act regulating and defining the duties of the United States' judges for the territory of Illinois," was read a third time.



*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States," together with the amendments reported thereto by the select committee.

On the question, to agree to the first amendment proposed, to wit:

Section 1, line 4, strike out "six," and insert "fifteen,"

A division of the question was called for by Mr. Lacock, and it was taken on striking out, and

Determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas . . . . .	21,
	{ Nays . . . . .	6.

On motion, by Mr. Turner,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Barbour, Barry, Bibb, Brown, Chace, Fromentin, Gaillard, Giles, Gore, Horsey, Howell, Hunter, Kerr, King, Lacock, Morrow, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Varnum, and Wells.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Dana, Goldsborough, Talbot, Thompson, Turner, and Wharton.

On the question, to insert "fifteen," in lieu of "six," stricken out:

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas . . . . .	18,
	{ Nays . . . . .	10.

On motion, by Mr. Barbour,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Barry, Bibb, Brown, Chace, Fromentin, Gaillard, Giles, Gore, Howell, Kerr, King, Lacock, Morrow, Smith, Tait, Taylor, Varnum, and Wells.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Barbour, Daggett, Dana, Goldsborough, Horsey, Hunter, Talbot, Thompson, Turner, and Wharton.

On the question, to agree to the third amendment proposed, to wit:

Section 3, line 1, strike out "one major general," and insert "two major generals:"

It was determined in the affirmative,	{ Yeas . . . . .	20,
	{ Nays . . . . .	5.

On motion, by Mr. Turner,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Bibb, Brown, Chace, Fromentin, Gaillard, Giles, Gore, Horsey, Howell, Hunter, King, Lacock, Morrow, Smith, Talbot, Tait, Taylor, Thompson, Varnum, and Wells.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Daggett, Dana, Goldsborough, Turner, and Wharton.

And the other amendments having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly; and,

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

The bill was further amended.

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed, and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendments to the last mentioned bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended, by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

It was agreed to amend the title, to read "An act reducing the military establishment of the United States."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives in the amendments.

Mr. Bibb, from the committee to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act to vest more effectually in the state courts, and in the district courts of the United States, jurisdiction in the cases therein mentioned," reported it without amendment.

The Senate resumed the bill for the relief of Arthur Tappan and John Frothingham; and,

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the second Monday in March instant.

The Senate resumed the consideration of the motion made the 1st instant, by Mr. King; and, on his motion having been amended, was agreed to, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, requested to give instructions to the Secretary of War,

To prepare and lay before the Senate, at the commencement of their next session, a report concerning the annuities and presents granted to, and the trade carried on with, the several Indian tribes within the limits of the United States, during four years antecedent to the 4th of March, 1815; and, in order that such report may exhibit a full view of the whole Indian trade during the term aforesaid, that the President be further requested to direct the Superintendent of Indian trade, and every other public agent concerned therein, to furnish to the Secretary of War such accounts and statements as he may call for, to enable him to prepare and make the report aforesaid.

That the said report do contain an annual account of the Indian trade, at each of the agencies or trading houses, or wheresoever else the same shall have been carried on, including therein the expenses of buildings, transportation, and all other incidental charges; as also a statement of losses, whether of goods or effects, intended for the Indians or received from them.

Also, a like annual account of the whole of the Indian trade.

Also, a general account of the Indian trade, exhibiting the profit and loss thereof during the term aforesaid.

Also, an account of the annuities and presents due, paid, and delivered, to the respective Indian tribes during the aforesaid terms; specifying the dates when the same were due, and when they were paid and delivered.

That the Secretary do furthermore report to the Senate his opinion, whether any alteration of the powers and duties of the several officers and agents employed in the superintendence and management of Indian affairs would be advantageous; whether the consolidation of the whole care and management thereof, and the placing of the same in a single department, would be expedient, and whether a plan may not be devised that will be equally advantageous to the Indian tribes, and more economical to the public, whereby the Indian trade may, under safe-guards, be hereafter carried on by individuals or by private companies, instead of the manner in which the same is now conducted.

The following written message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

*To the Senate of the United States:*

I transmit to the Senate a report from the acting Secretary of State, complying with their resolution of the 24th of October last.

JAMES MADISON.

*Washington, February 28, 1815.*

The message and report therein referred to were read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That they be printed for the use of the Senate.

After the consideration of Executive and confidential business,

The Senate adjourned to 11 o'clock to-morrow morning.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1815.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President:* The President of the United States, on the 1st instant, approved and signed "An act to alter and establish certain post roads;" "An act for the relief of Solomon Frazer, and the representatives of Charles Eccleston;" "An act concerning the College of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia;" "An act for the relief of the heirs of James Hynum;" also, "An act for the relief of William H. Washington."

The House of Representatives disagree to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States."

They concur in the amendments of the Senate to the amendments of the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act increasing the compensation allowed to the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize a loan for a sum not exceeding eighteen millions four hundred and fifty-two thousand eight hundred dollars;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The bill last mentioned was read three times by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.



Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had, on the 2d instant, laid before the President of the United States the four enrolled bills, and two enrolled resolutions, last reported to have been examined; and that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act further supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory,'" the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the discharge of Edward Martin from imprisonment;" the bill, entitled "An act increasing the compensation allowed the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate and House of Representatives, and the doorkeeper and assistant doorkeeper of the Senate and House of Representatives;" the bill, entitled "An act for the protection of the commerce of the United States against the Algerine cruisers;" the bill, entitled "An act regulating and defining the duties of the United States' judges for the territory of Orleans;" the bill, entitled "An act to fix the compensations, and increase the responsibility, of the collectors of the direct tax and internal duties, and for other purposes connected with the collection thereof;" the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen;" also, resolutions relative to the distribution of the laws of the United States.

The Senate proceeded to consider their amendments disagreed to by the House of Representatives to the bill, entitled "An act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States."

Whereupon,

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Resolved*, That they insist thereon.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Bibb, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States, of the 26th of September last, respecting the unauthorized mode of warfare adopted by the enemy, on the plea of retaliation, made a report; which was read.

On motion,

*Ordered*, That it be printed for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Giles, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners," reported it with amendments, which were considered as in committee of the whole; and having been agreed to, the President reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed and the bill read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendments to the last mentioned bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended, by unanimous consent; and was further amended by consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills and resolutions, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President.

The House of Representatives insist on their disagreement to, and ask a conference on, the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States;" and have appointed managers on their part.

They have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to provide a library room, and for transporting the library lately purchased;" the bill, entitled "An act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage;" the bill, entitled "An act to repeal so much of the several acts imposing duties on the tonnage of ships and vessels, and on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, as imposes a discriminating duty on tonnage between foreign vessels and vessels of the United States;" also, the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for completing the public buildings at West Point, for the accommodation of the military academy."

They have postponed indefinitely the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Bowie and Kurtz, and others."

They have passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the purchase of vessels captured on Lake Champlain;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The last mentioned bill was read three times by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The President signed the seven enrolled bills, and the enrolled resolutions, last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

On motion, by Mr. Giles,

*Resolved*, That the Senate agree to the conference proposed on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States."

*Ordered*, That Messrs. Giles, Smith, and King, be the managers on the part of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

*Mr. President*: The President of the United States this day approved and signed "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes,'" "An act to repeal certain acts therein mentioned;" and a resolution directing the manner of providing stationery, and procuring the printing, for the Senate and House of Representatives.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the payment for property lost, captured, or destroyed, by the enemy, while in the military service of the United States," together with the amendments proposed thereto.

Mr. Varnum was requested to take the chair; and the bill having been amended, the President resumed the chair, and it was reported to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendments be engrossed and the bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendments to the last mentioned bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended, by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with amendments.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives have passed a bill, entitled "An act making an additional appropriation for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen;" in which bill they request the concurrence of the Senate. They have passed the bill which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the ascertaining and surveying of the boundary lines fixed by the treaty with the Creek Indians, and for other purposes;" also, the bill, entitled "An act concerning the naval establishment." And he withdrew.

The bill last brought up for concurrence was read three times by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The Senate resumed, as in committee of the whole, the consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to vest more effectually in the state courts, and in the district courts of the United States, jurisdiction in the cases therein mentioned;" and,

Mr. Varnum was requested to take the chair; and the bill having been amended, the President resumed the chair, and Mr. Varnum reported the bill to the House accordingly.

On the question, Shall the amendment be engrossed and the bill be read a third time as amended?

It was determined in the affirmative.

The amendment to the last mentioned bill having been reported by the committee correctly engrossed, the bill was read a third time as amended by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass with an amendment.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary request the concurrence of the House of Representatives therein.

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs, who were instructed, by the resolution of the 6th of January, to inquire into the expediency of establishing a naval school, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.



On motion, by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of George P. Stephenson, and others, merchants and ship owners, of the city of Baltimore, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

On motion, by Mr. Tait,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of a number of midshipmen in the United States' navy, against the appointment of sailingmasters to be lieutenants, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

The credentials of the Honorable Christopher Gore, appointed a Senator by the legislature of the commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the term of six years, commencing on the fourth day of March instant, were read.

*Ordered*, That they lie on file.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The House of Representatives concur in the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners." They have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles Todd;" a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the Eastern Branch Bridge Company;" also, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Board of Navy Commissioners to appoint clerks;" in which bills they request the concurrence of the Senate. And he withdrew.

The three bills last mentioned were read.

*Ordered*, That they severally pass to the second reading.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the Eastern Branch Bridge Company," was read the second time by unanimous consent, and considered as in committee of the whole; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading; and,

The bill was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Board of Navy Commissioners to appoint clerks," was read the second time, and considered as in committee of the whole; and,

*Ordered*, That it pass to a third reading; and,

The bill was read a third time by unanimous consent.

*Resolved*, That this bill pass.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Charles Todd," was read the second time by unanimous consent.

On motion, by Mr. Lacock,

*Ordered*, That the further consideration thereof be postponed to the fourth day of March instant.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act making an additional appropriation for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen;" the bill, entitled "An act to authorize a loan for a sum not exceeding eighteen millions four hundred and fifty-two thousand eight hundred dollars;" also, the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the purchase of vessels captured on Lake Champlain."

After the consideration of Executive business,

The Senate adjourned to 6 o'clock in the evening.

### *Six o'clock in the evening.*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. The House of Representatives have postponed indefinitely the bill, entitled "An act to allow a drawback of duties on spirits distilled, and certain goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured, within the United States, on the exportation thereof to any foreign port or place." They have concurred in the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to vest more effectually in the state courts, and in the district courts of the United States, jurisdiction in the cases therein mentioned." They have concurred in the report of the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses, on the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States," and that the bill be amended accordingly. And he withdrew.

Mr. Giles, from the managers at the conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendments to the bill, entitled "An act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States," made the following report:

That, after due consideration of the various questions involved therein, they have agreed to recommend to the adoption of the Senate and House of Representatives the following modification:

That the Senate recede from the first amendment proposed to the bill.

That, in lieu of the second amendment proposed, the two houses agree to substitute the word "ten," for the word "fifteen."

That the House of Representatives recede from their disagreement to all the other amendments proposed by the Senate.

That the Senate recede from their amendment to the title.

The Senate proceeded to consider the said report; and, having agreed to the first member thereof,

On the question, to agree to the second member, to substitute the word "ten" for "fifteen,"

It was determined in the affirmative,  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas . . . . . 15,} \\ \text{Nays . . . . . 8.} \end{array} \right.$

On motion, by Mr. Varnum,

The yeas and nays being desired by one-fifth of the Senators present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Messrs. Barbour, Barry, Bibb, Chace, Daggett, Giles, Gore, King, Lambert, Morrow, Talbot, Tait, Thompson, Turner, and Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Messrs. Brown, Dana, Fromentin, Gaillard, Lacock, Smith, Varnum, and Wells.

And the other members of the report having been agreed to,

It was

*Resolved*, That the Senate concur in the report, and that the bill be amended accordingly

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

The President signed the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had laid before the President of the United States the three enrolled bills last reported to have been examined; and that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners;" the bill, entitled "An act to repeal so much of the several acts imposing duties on the tonnage of ships and vessels, and on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, as imposes a discriminating duty on tonnage between foreign vessels and vessels of the United States;" the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Board of Navy Commissioners to appoint clerks;" the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the Eastern Branch Bridge Company;" the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the ascertaining and surveying of the boundary lines fixed by the treaty with the Creek Indians, and for other purposes;" the bill, entitled "An act making further provision for completing the public buildings at West Point, for the accommodation of the Military Academy;" also, the bill, entitled "An act concerning the naval establishment."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the seven enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Daggett presented the memorial of Robert Sewall, praying compensation for the loss and destruction of his property in the city of Washington, by the enemy, which was occasioned by having his house converted into a military fortress, as is stated in the memorial; which was read.

On motion, by Mr. Bibb,

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the message of the President of the United States, recommending a declaration of war by the United States against the Dey and Regency of Algiers, be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

On motion, by Mr. Dana,

*Resolved*, That the injunction of secrecy be removed respecting the proceedings on the message of the President of the United States, recommending a declaration of war by the United States against the Dey and Regency of Algiers, and on the bill, en-



**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1815.**

**JAMES MADISON.**

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1815.

*Ordered, That it pass to a third reading.*

THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 1815.

Mr. Smith, from the Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen," reported it with amendments,

*Resolved, That they concur therein.*



*Ordered*, That Messrs. Chace and Barbour be the committee on the part of the Senate.

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had laid before the President of the United States the four enrolled bills last reported to have been examined; and that they had examined and found duly enrolled the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of sundry persons in the service of the United States, in consequence of the destruction of their tools by fire at the navy yard;" also, the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen."

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The Speaker of the House of Representatives having signed several enrolled bills, I am directed to bring them to the Senate for the signature of their President. And he withdrew.

The President signed the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined, and they were delivered to the committee, to be laid before the President of the United States.

Mr. Kerr reported, from the committee, that they had laid before the President of the United States the two enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

A message from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary:

*Mr. President*: The President of the United States this day approved and signed "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, the act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;'" "An act to repeal certain acts therein mentioned;" a resolution directing the manner of providing stationery, and procuring the printing for the Senate and House of Representatives; resolutions relative to the distribution of the laws of the United States; "An act authorizing the discharge of Edward Martin from imprisonment;" "An act further supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory;'" "An act increasing the compensation allowed the sergeant-at-arms of the Senate and House of Representatives, and of the doorkeeper and assistant doorkeeper of the Senate and House of Representatives;" "An act to provide for ascertaining and surveying of the boundary lines fixed by the treaty with the Creek Indians, and for other purposes;" "An act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage;" "An act to provide a library room, and for transporting the library lately purchased;" "An act for the relief of sundry persons in the service of the United States, in consequence of the destruction of their tools by fire at the navy yard;" "An act making further provision for completing the public buildings at West Point, for the accommodation of the military academy;" "An act concerning the naval establishment;" also, "An act to repeal so much of the several acts imposing duties on the tonnage of ships and vessels, and on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, as imposes a discriminating duty on tonnage between foreign vessels and vessels of the United States, and between goods imported into the United States in foreign vessels and vessels of the United States."

*Ordered*, That the Secretary notify the House of Representatives accordingly.

Mr. Chace reported, from the joint committee, that they had waited on the President of the United States, who informed them that he had no further communication to make to the two Houses of Congress.

Mr. King submitted the following resolution, which was read and passed to the second reading:

*Resolved*, That the sum of three hundred dollars be advanced out of the contingent fund to Samuel Turner, John G. McDonald, and Lewis H. Machen, clerks in the office of the Secretary of the Senate, to each of them, respectively, for their services during the current year.

On the question, Shall this resolution be now read the second time?

It was objected to by Mr. Varnum as against the rule.

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Dougherty, their Clerk:

*Mr. President*: The President of the United States this day approved and signed "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same;'" and the act, entitled "An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, and on gold and silver watches;" "An act for the relief of the Anacosta Bridge Company;" "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for the better organization of the courts of the United States within the state of New York;'" "An act

for the relief of James Savage and others;" "An act for the relief of William P. Bennett, of the state of New York;" "An act for the relief of Thomas Sprigg;" "An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen;" "An act for the protection of the commerce of the United States against the Algerine cruisers;" "An act to fix the compensations, and increase the responsibility, of the collectors of the direct tax and internal duties, and for other purposes connected with the collection thereof;" "An act regulating and defining the duties of the United States judges for the territory of Illinois;" "An act concerning invalid pensioners;" "An act for the relief of the Eastern Branch Bridge Company;" "An act authorizing the Board of Naval Commissioners to appoint clerks;" "An act making an additional appropriation for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen;" "An act to authorize a loan for a sum not exceeding eighteen millions four hundred and fifty-two thousand eight hundred dollars;" "An act authorizing the purchase of the vessels captured on lake Champlain;" "An act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States;" "An act to vest more effectually in the state courts, and in the district courts of the United States, jurisdiction in certain cases therein mentioned;" "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen."

The House of Representatives, having finished the business before them, are about to adjourn. And he withdrew.

On motion, by Mr. Smith,

*Ordered*, That the Secretary inform the House of Representatives that the Senate, having finished the legislative business before them, are about to adjourn.

Whereupon,

The President adjourned the Senate without day.



## APPENDIX.

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### *List of Acts passed at the Third Session of the Thirteenth Congress.*

- An act further to extend the right of suffrage, and to increase the number of members of the Legislative Council in the Mississippi territory.
- An act further extending the time for locating Virginia military land warrants, and for returning the surveys thereon to the General Land Office.
- An act authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built or purchased the vessels therein described.
- An act to authorize a loan for a sum not exceeding three millions of dollars.
- An act for the relief of John Chalmers, junior.
- An act to authorize the publication of the laws of the United States within the territories of the United States.
- An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to appoint a clerk in the office of the Commissioner of the Revenue, with power to sign licences.
- An act authorizing the Secretary of State, during the continuance of the present war, to make an additional allowance to the owners and masters of vessels, for bringing back to the United States destitute and distressed American seamen.
- An act for the relief of John Castille, of the city of New Orleans.
- An act supplementary to an act laying duties on notes of banks, bankers, and certain companies; on notes, bonds, and obligations, discounted by banks, bankers, and certain companies; and on bills of exchange of certain descriptions.
- An act making further provision for filling the ranks of the army of the United States.
- An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by duties on carriages and the harness used therefor.
- An act directing the staff officers of the army to comply with the requisitions of naval and marine officers, in certain cases.
- An act making additional appropriations for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.
- An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on spirits distilled within the United States and territories thereof, and by amending the act laying duties on licences to distillers of spirituous liquors.
- An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by duties on sales at auction, and on licences to retail wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise, and for increasing the rates of postage.
- An act supplemental to the acts authorizing a loan for the several sums of twenty-five millions of dollars, and three millions of dollars.
- An act giving further time to locate certain claims to lands, confirmed by an act of Congress, entitled "An act confirming certain claims to lands in the district of Vincennes."
- An act for the relief of John C. Hurlburt, of Chatham, in the state of Connecticut.
- An act to provide for leasing certain lands reserved for the support of schools in the Mississippi territory.
- An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying a direct tax upon the United States, and to provide for assessing and collecting the same.
- An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on various goods, wares, and merchandise, manufactured in the United States.

- An act to provide additional revenues for defraying the expenses of government, and maintaining the public credit, by laying duties on household furniture, and on gold and silver watches.
- An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory."
- An act to authorize the President of the United States to accept the services of state troops and of volunteers.
- An act for the relief of William Robinson and others.
- An act to authorize the purchase of the library of Thomas Jefferson, late President of the United States.
- An act for the relief of Farrington Barkelow, administrator of Mary Rappleyea.
- An act for the relief of William Arnold.
- An act for the relief of James Brahany.
- An act to prohibit intercourse with the enemy, and for other purposes.
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- An act to extend the time of Oliver Evans' patent for his improvement on steam engines.
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- An act requiring the Secretary of the Senate, and Clerk of the House of Representatives, in the Congress of the United States, to give security for the faithful application and disbursement of the contingent funds of the Senate and House of Representatives.
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- An act to repeal certain acts concerning the flotilla service, and for other purposes.
- An act to amend and extend the provisions of the act of the sixteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, entitled "An act confirming certain claims to land in the Illinois territory, and providing for their location."
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- An act concerning the college of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia.
- An act for the relief of Solomon Frazer, and the representatives of Charles Eccleston.
- An act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States.
- An act authorizing the discharge of Edward Martin from imprisonment.
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- An act making further provision for completing the public buildings at West Point, for the accommodation of the Military Academy.
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- An act for the relief of sundry persons in the service of the United States, in consequence of the destruction of their tools by fire at the navy yard.
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1 r. 631, 2 r. and com. 633, rep. 637, 641, 3 r. and p. 641, ex. 647, s. 648. pr. 649, ap. 650.

Appropriations for the support of the military establishment for the year 1815.

Twice read and com. 679, rep. 587, 3 r. and p. 688, ex. s. and pr. 689, ap. 690.

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Appropriations for the support of the navy for the year 1815.

Three times read and p. 679, ex. 683, s. 684, ap. 690.

Appropriations, additional, for the service of the year 1815.

Three times read and p. 684, ex. 685, s. and pr. 686, ap. 690.

Anacosta Bridge Company, for the relief of

1 and 2 r. and com. 637, rep. 672, 3 r. and p. 674, ex. 677, s. and pr. 679, ap. 689.

Army of the United States, making further provision for filling the ranks of the  
1 r. 545, 2 r. 546, 547, 548, 550, 3 r. and p. 551, 567, ex. 569, s. 571, pr. and ap. 572.

Arnold, William, for the relief of

1 r. 611, 2 r. 612, 617, 3 r. and p. 618, ex. 621, s. 630, pr. 630, ap. 636.

## B.

Bank of the United States of America, to incorporate the subscribers to the  
1 r. 565, 2 r. 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 3 r. and p. 571, 597, com. 598, rep. 599, 600, 601,  
602, 603, 606, 607, 608, 609, ex. 610, s. 611, pr. 614, Returned by the President  
of the United States, with objections 620, reconsidered 622, rejected 631.

Bank of the United States of America, to incorporate the subscribers to the No. 2.

1 r. 636, 2 r. 638, 639, 640, 3 r. and p. 641, post. by H. R. 650.

Banks, bankers, and certain companies, supplementary to an act laying duties on  
notes of, &c.

1 r. 544, 2 r. 545, 546, 459, 560, 3 r. and p. 561, ex. 569, s. 571, pr. 572, ap. 572.

Barney, Joshua, for the relief of the petty officers and seamen under the command of  
Captain

1 r. 543, 2 r. and com. 544, rep. 544, 545, post. 559.

Barry, Edward, and George Hodges, for the relief of  
1 and 2 r. 605, com. 609.

Barkelow, Farrington, for the relief of

1 r. 611, 2 r. 612, 3 r. and p. 617, ex. 621, s. and pr. 630, ap. 636.

Bennet, William P, for the relief of

1 r. 664, 2 r. and com. 665, rep. 670, 672, 3 r. and p. 675, ex. 677, s. and pr. 679, ap.  
680.

Boundary lines, fixed by the treaty with the Creek Indians, to provide for ascertaining  
and surveying of the

1 r. 665, 2 r. 667, 3 r. and p. 671, ex. and s. 686, pr. 686, ap. 689.

Bowie and Kurtz and others, for the relief of

1 r. 544, 2 r. 545, 559, 560, 562, 565, 567, 569, 571, 573, 597, 603, recom. 612, rep.  
638, 642, 3 r. and p. 645, post. by H. R. 683.

Brahany, James, for the relief of

1 r. 609, 2 r. 610, 3 r. and p. 617, ex. 621, s. and pr. 630, ap. 636.

## C.

Canton district, in the state of Ohio, attaching thereto a certain tract of land  
1 and 2 r. and com. 604, rep. 616, 619, 3 r. and p. 629, ex. 630, s. 632, pr. 634, ap. 636.

Castille, John, for the relief of

1 and 2 r. 549, com. 644, rep. 560, 3 r. and p. 561, ex. 562, s. 563, pr. and ap. 564.

Certain acts therein mentioned, to repeal, No. 1.

1 r. 652, 658, 3 r. and p. 659, ex. and s. 671, pr. and ap. 673.

Certain acts therein mentioned, to repeal, No. 2.

1 r. 665, 2 r. 667, 3 r. and p. 672, ex. 679, s. 680, pr. 683, ap. 684, 589.

Chalmers, John jr. for the relief of

1 r. 551, 2 r. and com. 552, rep. 3 r. and p. 553, ex. and s. 555, pr. 556, ap. 562.

Chesapeake Bay and its waters, for exploring the

1 r. 660, 2 r. 663, 669, 3 r. and p. 671.

Collectors of the direct tax and internal duties, to fix the compensations and increase  
the responsibility of the, &c.

Twice r. and com. 668, rep. 676, 3 r. and p. 680, ex. 683, s. 684, ap. 690.



BILLS.

College of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, concerning the  
1 and 2 r. 635, com. 637, rep. 661, 669, 3 r. and p. 672, ex. 675, s. 676, ap. 682.

Commissioner of the revenue, clerk in his office to sign licences  
1 and 2 r. 551, 552, 553, 3 r. and com. 554, rep. 554, p. 555, ex. and s. 557, pr. 559,  
ap. 562.

Commissaries of subsistence, authorizing the appointment of  
1 r. 639, 2 r. 639, com. 640, reported 641. 643.

Congress, for the better temporary accommodation of  
1 r. 653, 2 r. 656, 658, 3 r. and p. 659.

Coolidge, Uriah, and James Burnham, for the relief of  
1 r. 648, 2 r. and com. 649, rep. 650, 657, 3 r. and p. 659, ex. 665, s. and pr. 666, ap.  
675.

Courts of the United States within the state of New York, for the better organization of  
1 r. 656, 2 r. and com. 658, rep. 672, 3 r. and p. 674, ex. 677, s. and pr. 679, ap. 689.

D.

Darden, David, for the relief of the legal representatives of  
1 and 2 r. and com. 637, rep. 648, rejected 649.

Destitute and distressed American seamen, providing for their return to the United  
States during the continuance of the war.

1 r. 549, 2 r. 550, 3 r. and p. 560, ex. 562, s. 563, pr. 564, ap. 564.

Discriminating duties, to repeal certain acts imposing  
1 r. 653, 2 r. 656, 660, 3 r. and p. 662, ex. and s. 686, pr. 688, ap. 689.

District of Columbia, laying a direct tax upon the  
1 r. 651, 2 r. and com. 655, rep. 659, 666, 3 r. and p. 668, ex. and s. 671, pr. 673, ap.  
678.

Doyle, James, for the relief of  
1 and 2 r. and com. 599, rep. 671, rejected 675.

Drawback of duties on spirits distilled, and certain goods, wares, and merchandise,  
manufactured within the United States, to allow a

1 r. 619, 2 r. 629, 635, 636, 3 r. and p. 639, postponed by H. R. 685.

Duties on licences to retailers of wine, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise, to  
amend the act laying

1 r. 611, 2 r. and com. 612, rep. 630, 634, 3 r. and p. 635, ex. and s. 638, pr. 639, ap.  
640.

Duties on licenses to retailers of wines, &c. supplementary to the act laying  
1 and 2 r. and com. 604, rep. 612, 617, 3 r. and p. 618, ex. 631, s. 632, pr. 634, ap.  
636.

Duties on imports and tonnage, further to provide for the collection of  
1 r. 673, 2 r. 677, 3 r. and p. 680, ex. and s. 688, pr. 689, ap. 689

E.

Eastern Branch Bridge Company, for the relief of  
Three times r. and p. 685, ex. and s. 686, pr. 688, ap. 690.

Evans, Oliver, to extend the time of his patent for his improvement on steam engines  
1 r. 548, 2 r. 549, 560, 561, 562, 3 r. and p. 564, 615, 616, 629, 631, ex. 634, s. 635, pr.  
637.

F.

Field officers of the militia, concerning  
1 r. 607, 2 r. 610, 616, 3 r. and p. 618, post. by H. R. 664.

Floating batteries, to cause to be built one or more  
1 r. 584, 2 r. 587, 591, 596, 3 r. and p. 597, post. by H. R. 664.

Flotilla service, to repeal certain acts concerning the  
1 r. 653, 2. r. 656, 660, 3 r. and p. 663, ex. and s. 671, pr. and ap. 673.

Frazer, Solomon, and the representatives of Charles Eccleston, for the relief of  
1 and 2 r. and com. 664, rep. 667, 3 r. and p. 672, ex. 675, s. 676, ap. 682.

**BILLS.**

**G.**

Gamble, William, for the relief of  
1 r. 589, 2 r. 590, 593, 3 r. and p. 594.

Gerry, Elbridge, deceased, late Vice President of the United States, authorizing the continuance of his salary  
1 r. 575, 2 r. 576, 3 r. and p. 578, post. by H. R. 656.

Guy, Matthew, and his associates, concerning  
1 r. 611, 2 r. 612, com. 616, rep. 629, 632, recom. 634, rep. 639, 644, post. 644.

**H.**

Hallowell, Edward, for the relief of  
1 r. 651, 2 r. and com. 655, rep. 661, 663, 3 r. and p. 666, ex. and s. 671, pr. 673, ap. 679.

Hurlburt, John C. for the relief of  
1 r. 566, 2 r. 567, 3 r. and p. 569, ex. 586, s. 589, pr. 590, ap. 598.

Hynum, James, for the relief of  
1 and 2 r. and com. 604, rep. 663, 669, 3 r. and p. 672, ex. 675, s. 576, ap. 682.

**I.**

Jefferson land district, authorizing the sale of public lands which may hereafter be forfeited within the  
1 r. 664, 2 r. and com. 665, rep. and post. 673.

Jenkins, Weston, and others, concerning  
1 r. 611, 2 r. 612, com. 617, rep. 622, 632, 3 r. and p. 634, ex. 635, s. 637, pr. 637.

Illinois territory, to amend the act confirming certain claims to land in the, &c.  
1 r. 631, 2 r. and com. 633, rep. 661, 662, 3 r. and p. 666, ap. 679.

Illinois, regulating and defining the duties of the United States' judges for the territory of  
Twice r. 677, 3 r. 680, p. 681, ex. 683, s. 684, ap. 690.

Indiana, for the regulation of the courts of justice of  
1 r. 631, 2 r. and com. 633, rep. 655, 658, 3 r. and p. 660, ex. 664, s. and pr. 666, ap. 675.

Intercourse with the enemy, to prohibit, and for other purposes.  
1 r. 598, 2 r. and com. 598, rep. 605, 610, 611, 613, 614, 615, recom. 616, rep. 618, 3 r. and p. 619, ex. 631, s. 632, pr. 634, ap. 636.

Invalid pensioners, concerning  
Twice r. and com. 679, rep. 3 r. and p. 683, ex. and s. 686, pr. 688, ap. 690.

**L.**

Lake Champlain, authorizing the purchase of vessels captured on  
Three times r. and p. 684, ex. 685, s. and pr. 686, ap. 690.

Lands located under Virginia resolution warrants, giving further time to complete the surveys and obtain the patents for  
1 r. 598, 2 r. 599, 600, 3 r. 601, p. 602, ex. 653, s. 656, pr. 659, ap. 661.

Land in the state of Ohio, regulating the sale of reserved sections of  
1 and 2 r. and com. 604, rep. 647, rejected 651.

Land for the use of the United States, to authorize the purchase of a tract of  
1 r. 616, 2 r. and com. 617, rep. 620, 632, 634, 636, 3 r. and p. 637, ex. and s. 638, pr. 639, ap. 640.

Land titles in the state of Louisiana and territory of Missouri, supplemental to the act for the final adjustment of  
1 r. 665, 2 r. and com. 667, rep. and post. 673.

Landais, Peter, for the relief of  
1 r. 671, 2 r. and post. 674.

Laws of the United States, to authorize the publication of, within the territories of the United States.  
1 r. 551, 2 r. 552, 3 r. and p. 553, ex. and s. 555, pr. 556, ap. 562.



BILLS.

Library of Thomas Jefferson, to authorize the purchase of  
1 r. 562, 2 r. 563, 564, 3 r. and p. 565, ex. 618, s. 619, pr. 621, ap. 630.

Library room, to provide a, and for transporting the library lately purchased  
1 r. 652, 2 r. 656, 660, 3 r. and p. 663, ex. and s. 688, pr. and ap. 689.

Loan for a sum not exceeding three millions of dollars, to authorize a  
1 and 2 r. 542, com. 543, rep. 544, 3 r. and p. 545, 550, 551, 552, ex. s. and pr. 553,  
ap. 555.

Loans, supplemental to the acts authorizing  
1 r. 568, 2 r. and com. 569, rep. 579, 3 r. and p. 579, ex. and s. 582, pr. 583, ap. 591.

Loan for a sum not exceeding eighteen millions four hundred and fifty-two thousand  
eight hundred dollars, authorizing a

Three times read and p. 682, ex. 685, s. and pr. 686, ap. 690.

M.

Martin, Edward, authorizing the discharge of, from imprisonment.  
1 r. 651, 2 r. 655, 658, 3 r. and p. 659, ex. 683, s. 684, ap. 689.

Military academy, making provision for the accommodation of the  
1 r. 657, 2 r. 659, 667, 3 r. and p. 668, ex. and s. 686, pr. 688, ap. 689.

Military peace establishment of the United States, fixing the  
Twice read and com. 677, rep. 678, 3 r. and p. and title amended 681, 782, 683, 685,  
686, ex. and s. 688, pr. 689, ap. 690.

Militia for the defence of the frontiers of the United States, to authorize the president  
to call upon the several states and territories for their respective quotas of  
1 r. 545, 2 r. 546, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 3 r. 557, p. 558, 575, com. 576, rep. 577,  
580, 580, 581, postponed 586.

Militia, in addition to act establishing an uniform, throughout the United States.  
1 r. 547, 2 r. 548, 563, postponed 564.

Militia and volunteer soldiers, to provide for the widows and orphans of  
1 r. 568, 2 r. and com. 569, rep. 594, postponed 595.

Militia of the United States, to authorize a detachment from the  
1 r. 629, 2 r. 630, 636, post. 655.

Militia, to authorize the payment of certain claims for the services of the  
1 r. 640, 2 r. 641, 649, 3 r. and p. 651.

Militia, making provision for clothing the  
1 r. 647, 2 r. and com. 649, rep. 650, post. 657.

Mississippi territory, to extend the right of suffrage and to increase the number of  
members of the legislative council in the  
1 and 2 r. 534, com. and rep. 535, 536, 3 r. 538, p. 539, ex. s. and pr. 540, ap. 542.

Mississippi territory, for quieting and adjusting claims to land in the  
1 r. 637, 2 r. 639, 643, 650, 655, postponed.

N.

Naval officers, authorizing the appointment of certain  
1 r. 566, 2 r. 567, 571, 572, 3 r. and p. 573.

Naval establishment, concerning the  
1 r. 670, 2 r. 674, 3 r. and p. 677, ex. and s. 686, pr. 688, ap. 689.

Navy department, adding thereto a board of commissioners.  
1 r. 611, 2 r. and com. 613, rep. 617, 619, 632, 3 r. 633, p. 634, ex. 635 s. 637, pr. 637,  
ap. 640.

Navy department, directing the manner of contracts and purchases in the  
1 r. 611, 2 r. and com. 613, rep. 637, postponed 642.

Navy yard, for the relief of sundry persons in the service of the United States, at  
the, &c.

1 r. 673, 2 r. 677, 3 r. and p. 680, ex. s. and pr. ap. 689.

Navy commissioners, authorizing the board of, to appoint clerks.  
Three times read and p. 685, ex. and s. 686, pr. 688, ap. 690.

BILLS.

Navigation for the United States, to establish a system of  
1 r. 662, 2 r. 671, postponed 675.

New Madrid, in the Mississippi territory, for the relief of the inhabitants of the late  
county of, who suffered by earthquakes.

1 and 2 r. and com. 604, rep. 637, 642, 3 r. and p. 645, ex. 647, s. 648, pr. 649, ap. 650.

Nimmo, Henry, for the relief of

1 r. 611, 2 and 3 r. and p. 612, ex. 659, s. 661, pr. 663, ap. 661.

O.

Ordnance department, for the better regulation of the  
Twice read and com. 609, rep. 620, recom. 629, rep. 631, 3 r. and p. 634, ex. and s.  
638, pr. 639, ap. 640.

Perine, Daniel, for the relief of  
ex. 665, s. and pr. 666, ap. 675.

Perkins, Joseph, for the relief of

1 r. 611, 2 r. and com. 612, rep. 638, 642, 3 r. and p. 645, ex. 647, s. 648, pr. 649, ap.  
650.

Post office establishment, in addition to the act regulating the  
1 r. 641, 2 r. 642, com. 647, rep. 650, 658, 3 r. and p. 659, ex. and s. 671, pr. 673, ap.  
679.

Post roads, to alter and establish certain

1 r. 656, 2 r. and com. 658, rep. 665, 3 r. and p. 669, ex. 675, s. 676, ap. 682.

Pre-emption in the purchase of lands to certain settlers in the Indiana territory, giving  
the right of

1 r. 629, 2 r. and com. 630, rep. 649, 657, 3 r. and p. 660. Title amended to read "An  
act for the relief of Daniel Perine."

Property lost, captured, or destroyed by the enemy, while in the military service of  
the United States, to authorize the payment for

1 r. 629, 2 r. 630, com. 631, rep. 676, 3 r. and p. 684, post. 688.

Public buildings within the city of Washington, making appropriations for repairing or  
re-building the

1 r. 594, 2 r. 596, 597, 598, 600, 605, 616, 618, 619, 630, 632, 3 r. and p. 633, ex. s. and  
pr. 642, ap. 648.

Public lands, giving further time to purchasers of, to complete their payments.

1 and 2 r. and com. 604, rep. 616, 3 r. and p. 629, ex. 630, s. 632, pr. 634, ap. 637.

R.

Rangers, to raise certain companies of, &c.

1 and 2 r. and com. 604, rep. 657, 660, 3 r. and p. 662.

Revenues, providing additional, by duties on spirits distilled within the United States,  
&c.

1 r. 562, 2 r. and com. 563, rep. 565, 566, 567, 3 r. and p. 569, 573, 574, 576, 577, 578,  
ex. s. and pr. 579, ap. 582.

Revenues, providing additional, by duties on sales at auction, on postage of letters, and  
on licenses to retailers, &c.

1 r. 564, 2 r. and com. 565, rep. 573, 574, 3 r. and p. 575, 577, ex. s. and pr. 580, ap. 582.

Revenues, to provide additional, by duties on carriages and harness.

1 r. 564, 2 r. and com. 565, rep. 565, 571, 3 r. and p. 572, ex. 574, s. 575, pr. 576, ap. 577.

Revenue, to provide additional, by laying duties on domestic manufactures.

1 r. 577, 2 r. and com. 578, rep. 581, 582, 583, 3 r. and p. 587, 592, 593, 596, 599, ex.  
600, s. 600, pr. 605, ap. 611.

Revenue, to provide additional, by laying duties on household furniture, &c.

1 r. 577, 2 r. and com. 578, rep. 583, 584, 585, 587, 588, 3 r. and p. 589, 592, 593, 596,  
ex. 603, s. 605, pr. 605, ap. 611.

Revenues, to provide additional, by laying a direct tax upon the United States.

1 r. 580, 2 r. and com. 581, rep. 584, 590, 591, 592, 3 r. and p. 593, ex. 595, s. and pr.  
598, ap. 599.



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Revenues, to amend the act laying a direct tax, and the act laying duties on household furniture, &c.

1 and 2 r. and com. 604, rep. 629, 633, 634, p. 636, recom. 636, rep. 649, 652, 3 r. and p. 655, 661, 668, 676, ex. 679, s. 680, pr. 683, ap. 689.

Revenues to provide additional, by laying a duty on gold, silver, and plated ware, and jewelry, &c.

1 and 2 r. 635, com. 635, rep. 659, 663, 666, ex. and s. 671, pr. 573, ap. 678.

Revenues, to provide additional, by laying a duty on lotteries.

1 and 2 r. 635, com. 635, rep. 659, 664, post. 664.

Road from Cumberland to the state of Ohio, in addition to the act to regulate the laying out and making the

1 r. 612, 2 r. 615, 618, 619, 3 r. and p. 620, ex. 645, s. and pr. 645, ap. 648.

Robinson, William, and others, for the relief of

1 r. 599, 2 r. and com. 600, rep. 603, 3 r. and p. 605, ex. 614, pr. 617, ap. 631.

Ross, Anthony B. authorizing the discharge of, from imprisonment.

1 r. 664, 2 r. and com. 665, rep. 669, rejected 672.

S.

Saltus, Son, and Co. for the relief of

1 r. 631, 2 r. and com. 633, rep. 647, 3 r. and p. 649, ex. 653, s. 656, pr. 659, ap. 665.

Sands, Joshua, for the relief of

1 r. 656, 2 r. and com. 658, rep. 661, 662, 3 r. and p. 666, ex. and s. 671, pr. 673, ap. 679.

Savage, James, and others, for the relief of

1 r. 664, 2 r. and com. 665, rep. 672, 3 r. and p. 674, ex. 677, s. and pr. 679, ap. 690.

Schools in the Mississippi territory, to provide for leasing certain lands reserved for the use of

1 and 2 r. 581, 582, 583, 3 r. and p. 586, ex. 594, s. 595, pr. and ap. 598.

Secretary of the Senate and Clerk of the House of Representatives to give security for the faithful application of the contingent funds.

1 r. 647, 2 r. 649, 652, 3 r. and p. 655, ex. 659, s. 661, pr. 663, ap. 665.

Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, increasing the compensation of the, &c.

1 r. 649, 2 r. 652, 3 r. and p. 653, 580, ex. 683, s. 684, ap. 689.

Shane, Anthony, granting the right of the United States to a tract of land to

1 r. 651, 2 r. and com. 655, rep. 656, 660, 3 r. and p. 662, ex. 664, s. and pr. 666, ap. 675.

Shinnick, Jacob, and others, for the relief of

1 and 2 r. and com. 599, 605, rep. 648, 651, 657, 666, 3 r. and p. 668, ex. and s. 671, pr. 673, ap. 679.

Smith, Isaac, and Bratton Caldwell, for the relief of

1 r. 616, 2 r. and com. 617, rep. 647, 649, 3 r. and p. 650, ex. 653, s. 656, pr. 659, ap. 665.

Sprigg, Thomas, for the relief of

1 r. 664, 2 r. and com. 665, rep. 3 r. and p. 676, ex. 679, s. 680, pr. 683, ap. 690.

Staff officers of the army to comply with requisitions of naval and marine officers, &c.

1 r. 568, 2 r. and com. 569, rep. 571, 3 r. and p. 572, ex. and s. 573, pr. 576, ap. 577.

State courts and the district courts of the United States, to vest more effectually jurisdiction in the

1 r. 677, 2 r. and com. 679, rep. 681, 3 r. and p. 684, ex. and s. 688, pr. 689, ap. 690.

State troops, to authorize the President to receive into the service of the United States certain corps of, in lieu of the militia thereof.

1 r. 631, 2 r. and com. 633, rep. 637, recom. 642, rep. and post. 657.

T.

Tappan, Arthur, and John Frothingham, for the relief of

1 r. 657, 2 r. 659, 662, post. 681.

Todd, Charles, for the relief of

Twice read and postponed 685.

Trading houses with the Indian tribes, to continue the act for establishing

1 r. 650, 2 r. 655, 658, 3 r. and com. 659, rep. 662, 3 r. and p. 667, ex. 679, s. 680, pr. 683, ap. 684, 689.

**BILLS.**

Treasury notes, to authorize the issuing of  
1 r. 642, 2 r. and com. 644, rep. 649, 655, 3 r. and p. 657, ex. 665, s. and pr. 666, ap. 675.

**V.**

Vessels therein described, authorizing the President of the United States, to cause to  
be built or purchased the

1 r. 540, 2 r. 541, 3 r. and p. 542, 548, 549, 550, 551, ex. s. and pr. 553, ap. 554.

Vincennes, giving further time to locate certain claims to lands in the district of  
1 r. 577, 2 r. and com. 578, rep. 579, 3 r. and p. 580, ex. and s. 582, pr. 583, ap. 591.

Virginia military land warrants, further extending the time for locating, &c.

1 and 2 r. 537, 3 r. and p. 539, ex. s. and pr. 543, ap. 547.

Volunteers, to authorize the President to accept the services of  
1 r. 568, 2 r. and com. 569, rep. 590, 593, 594, 595, 3 r. and p. 596, 600, 604, 606, 609,  
610, 611, ex. 614, pr. 617, ap. 631.

**W.**

Washington, William H. for the relief of  
1 and 2 r. and com. 599, rep. 668, 3 r. and p. 672, ex. 675, s. 676, ap. 682.

Wells, Benjamin, and others, for the relief of  
1 r. 609, 2 r. and com. 610, rep. 635, 638, 3 r. and p. 639, ex. s. and pr. 642, ap. 650.

**Y.**

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